

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

August 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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*A prayerful silence precedes the service.*

### THE OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 103

*Officiant*     O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*        **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Except in Lent, add*        **Alleluia.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 23

*The Officiant and People read responsively by whole verse, pausing at the asterisks.*

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures \***  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; \***

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16a

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.*

## THE PRAYERS

BCP 106

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**  
*Officiant* Christ, have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Officiant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Free intercessions may be offered.  
The people add their own petitions and thanksgiving.  
These may be shared with one another in the chat box on Zoom.*

*The Officiant concludes the prayers with this collect,*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant*     Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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