

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY

August 5, 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 121

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

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.

- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

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 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Andrew J. Hege

A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. **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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