



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

August 12, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Officiant: Father Tony Holder, Rector

Mission Statement:

The Community of All Saints' accepts the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship of God, service to His people and stewardship of His gifts.

*The people are invited to read the parts in **bold**.*

Prelude Music

"You raise me up"

Sung by Luiza Spiridon

The Officiant begins with the following sentence:

Jesus said: 'I have come that you may have life, and may have it in all its fullness.'

The Officiant continues with these words

Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the gift of life and placed us in a world of beauty and wonder. Your perfect will for us is wholeness in body, mind and spirit. We bow in awe and wonder at your feet and freely acknowledge our dependence upon you for all that is good.

Silence

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, who can banish all affliction both of soul and of body, show forth your power upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 6

(Page 589 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; * **do not punish me in your wrath.**
- 2 Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; * **heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.**
- 3 My spirit shakes with terror; * **how long, O Lord, how long?**
- 4 Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; * **save me for your mercy's sake.**
- 5 For in death no one remembers you; * **and who will give you thanks in the grave?**
- 6 I grow weary because of my groaning; * **every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.**
- 7 My eyes are wasted with grief * **and worn away because of all my enemies.**
- 8 Depart from me, all evildoers, * **for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.**
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication; * **the Lord accepts my prayer.**
- 10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; * **they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.**

Scriptural Reading: 2 Corinthians 1. 1-8

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Musical Selection:

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Fountainview Academy

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed (*James 5:14–16a*).

The confession is followed by silence and these or other words of absolution.

Officiant: Cast your burden upon the Lord

People: **and he will sustain you.**

Officiant: In returning and rest

People: **you shall be saved.**

Officiant: In quietness and trust

People: **shall be your strength.**

There follows a period of silent reflection and self-examination.

People: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Silence

Absolution

The officiant says the following Absolution.

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not holding our sins against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his

Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone this day and for evermore.

People: Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

(For the Healing of the Nations, the Church, and Individuals)

Officiant: Heavenly Father, we pray for the whole of the human family, your children, our brothers and sisters throughout the world; for the nations of the world and their leaders; and all who have authority and influence; that there may be peace, freedom and justice among all peoples everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for all Christian people; for peace in your Church; for the healing of divisions; that in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission and service. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for all who suffer; for the victims of war and violence; of persecution and aggression; of disaster and accident; we pray for the homeless and the hungry; for refugees and asylum-seekers; for the destitute and the oppressed; for the lonely and unloved; and for those who mourn; that they may find strength and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for the sick in our community, those in hospital or at home, for those whose minds are beset with anxiety and fear, for those oppressed or broken in spirit; for those who turn to us for healing and comfort that, together in you, we may find wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for one another and for ourselves, that we may be instruments of your peace and joy. May we know for ourselves, and mediate to others, Your wholeness, healing and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Gracious Father, we ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Healer, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Prayer for Healing

Officiant: Father, we pray for those people whose names have been brought to us for healing and for those whose names are mentioned now -

Names of those whose permission has been obtained may be mentioned.

Send your Spirit of life and health on these your servants, embrace them in your loving grace and give them your healing power in the Name of Jesus.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Lord God, your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with his Blood on the cross. Relieve the suffering of those for whom we pray; grant them peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care. Protect us all from the violence of others, keep us safe from the weapons of hate, and restore to us tranquility and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Officiant: We thank you, gracious God. You have loved us from the beginning of time and remembered us when we were in trouble.

People: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: We thank you, redeeming God. You have come to us in Jesus Christ, who heals us and saves us from sin.

People: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: We thank you, holy God. You have sent us your Spirit, to comfort us and lead us into all truth.

People: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: Gracious, redeeming and holy God, glory and praise be yours, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by Donald Okerulu

The Blessing and Dismissal

The officiant may say

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

People: **Amen.**

Musical Selection:

“The Blessing”

Sung by Virtual Choir (Kids from different nations)