



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

August 26, 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

"Christ be our Light"

Bernadette Farrell

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: No one is far from you, O God. We come together in joy – mindful of the burdens we carry, the hurts and sorrows we have. We come together in gladness – never forgetting God's love. We come together with praise – for each other and those who assist us on this journey. No one is far from you O God and we call upon your power in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Officiant: O God, you are the hope of all who suffer. Your son Jesus touched the sick, shared the sorrows of those who mourn, and consoled all who longed for healing of any kind. Give us the strength to do the same.

People: Amen.

Psalm 41

(Page 641 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! * **the LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.**
- 2 The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; * **he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.**
- 3 The LORD sustains them on their sickbed * **and ministers to them in their illness.**
- 4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; * **heal me, for I have sinned against you.**"
- 5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: * **When will he die, and his name perish?"**
- 6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; * **their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.**
- 7 All my enemies whisper together about me * **and devise evil against me.**
- 8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; * **he has taken to his bed and will never get up again.**"

- 9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, * **has lifted up his heel and turned against me.**
- 10 But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, * **and I shall repay them.**
- 11 By this I know you are pleased with me, * **that my enemy does not triumph over me.**
- 12 In my integrity you hold me fast, * **and shall set me before your face for ever.**
- 13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, * **from age to age. Amen. Amen.**

Scriptural Reading: Matthew 25.34-40

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

"Come, Lord Jesus, come"

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek

Confession and Absolution

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

People: O Father, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Silence

The officiant says the following Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

A litany or another form of prayer is offered. Prepared or adapted for the particular occasion, the prayer may include the following or similar petitions.

Officiant: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all those here and around the world who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Holy God, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, And bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Mighty God, grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Holy One, bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Almighty God, giver of life and health: send your blessing on all who are sick, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]

Other petitions may be offered.

God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed, And those whom we remember before you..... Heal the pain of all who grieve. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers.

Officiant: O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer - *Composer: P. White*

Sung by Connections Choir

The Blessing and Dismissal

The officiant may say

Loving God, make us strong enough to enter the vulnerability of the sick and dying. Help us to be a light of strength in their suffering, a hope of redemption, and a consoling presence as we

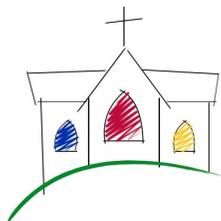
accompany them on their journey. We ask this in your name. Amen.
And the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection: "To God be the glory" *Sung by the Fountainview Academy*



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