



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

August 5, 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.

Prelude Music

“Here I am to worship”

The Greeting

Officiant: The love of God has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:

People: **We dwell in him and he lives in us.**

Officiant: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

People: **Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Officiant: Sing to God, sing praises to his name:

People: **And speak of all his marvelous works.**

Officiant: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

People: **Who was and is and is to come.**

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Officiant: Heavenly Father, you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom. Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 38.1-10

(Page 636 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; * **do not punish me in your wrath.**

2 For your arrows have already pierced me, * **and your hand presses hard upon me.**

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of your indignation; * **there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.**

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; * **like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.**

- 5 My wounds stink and fester * **by reason of my foolishness.**
 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; * **I go about in mourning all the day long.**
 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; * **there is no health in my body.**
 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; * **I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.**
 9 O Lord, you know all my desires, * **and my sighing is not hidden from you.**
 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, * **and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.**

Scriptural Reading: **Matthew 9.2-8**

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

"Great is thy faithfulness"

Sung by Cece Winans

Prayers of Penitence

Officiant: The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

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.**

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.**

Prayer of Intercession

At the Prayers of Intercession, the following Litany of Healing may be used. Additional petitions, including names, may be included.

Officiant: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

People: **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Officiant: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

People: **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Officiant: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

People: **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Officiant: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

People: **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Officiant: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

People: **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Officiant: You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

People: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Officiant: With you, Lord, is the well of life

People: **and in your light do we see light.**

Officiant: Hear us, Lord of life:

People: **heal us, and make us whole.**

The prayer of healing is said, using these or other suitable words.

Officiant: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will sustain (*Names of those whose requested prayer may be mentioned at this time*) with his presence, to drive away all sickness of body, mind, and spirit, embrace them in your loving grace and healing power, and to give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve him both now and evermore.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Officiant introduces the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by Veritas

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

God who said: 'Let light shine out of darkness'

People: **has caused his light to shine within us.**

Officiant: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

People: **revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Officiant: We have this treasure in earthen vessels

People: **to show that the power belongs to God.**

Officiant: And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing:

"Blessings"

Sung by Laura Story