



# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

## Wednesday Devotional Time

September 16, 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                      "Surely the presence of the Lord is in the place"

### 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:*        God of compassion, you gave us Jesus Christ, the great physician, who made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore us to wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:*            **Amen.**

*The Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

### Psalm 34.1-10, 17-19, 22

*(Page 627 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)*

1        I will bless the LORD at all times; \* **his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

2        I will glory in the LORD; \* **let the humble hear and rejoice.**

3        Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \* **let us exalt his Name together.**

4        I sought the LORD, and he answered me \* **and delivered me out of all my terror.**

5        Look upon him and be radiant, \* **and let not your faces be ashamed.**

6        I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \* **and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \* **and he will deliver them.**  
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \* **happy are they who trust in him!**  
9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \* **for those who fear him lack nothing.**  
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \* **but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**  
17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \* **and delivers them from all their troubles.**  
18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \* **and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**  
19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \* **but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**  
22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \* **and none will be punished who trust in him.**

### Scriptural Reading: Matthew 11. 25-30

*Reader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

**"I can only imagine"**

*Sung by Veritas*

### 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.

## Prayers

*Musical selection - "Heal Us" (feat. Blessing Offer) Sung by Indelible Grace VII, is played during the prayers.*

*"For Peace"*

**Officiant:** Lord Christ, at times we are like strangers on this earth, taken aback by the violence, the harsh oppositions. Like a gentle breeze, you breath upon us the Spirit of peace. Transfigure the deserts of our doubts , and so prepare us to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you place us, until the day when a hope of peace dawns in our world.

**People:** Amen.

*"For Families"*

**Officiant:** Eternal God, our Creator, you set us to live in families. We commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Keep them, we pray, free from bitterness, from the thirst for personal victory, and from pride in self. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Knit together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect for one another; and light the fire of kindness among us all, that we may show affection for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*"At the Time of an Election"*

**Officiant:** Under your law we live, great God, and by your will we govern ourselves. Help us as good citizens to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours, so that without partisan anger, we may work out issues that divide us, and elect candidates to serve the common welfare; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*"For Healing"*

**Officiant:** By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed, especially for *(Names of those whose requested prayer may be mentioned at this time)*. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord.

**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.

*Prayers from the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

The Lord's Prayer

*Sung by Veritas*

The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Officiant may say*

*People:* God who said: 'Let light shine out of darkness'  
**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.**

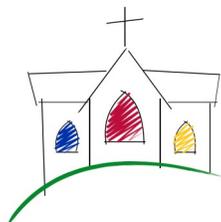
*Officiant:* And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Go in the joy and peace of Christ.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing:

**"Trust and Obey"**

*Sung by Fountainview Academy*



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