



# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

## Wednesday Devotional Time

September 2, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Officiant: Father Tony Holder, Rector

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### 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

**"Remain in Me, I Am the Vine"**

Curtis Stephan & Steve Angrisano

Opening Prayer

*The Officiant begins with the following words:*

Officiant: We gather here in your presence, God,

**People: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

Officiant: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

**People: And you know by experience what human life is like.**

Officiant: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

**People: We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

Officiant: We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

**People: And you have promised never to turn us away.**

Officiant: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servants who are ill in body, mind, and spirit, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Psalm 145:14-22

*(Page 802 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)*

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \* **and merciful in all his deeds.**

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \* **he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \* **and you give them their food in due season.**

17 You open wide your hand \* **and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \* **and loving in all his works.**  
 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \* **to all who call upon him faithfully.**  
 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \* **he hears their cry and helps them.**  
 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \* **but he destroys all the wicked.**  
 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \* **let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

Scriptural Reading: Mark 6.7-13

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

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

**"The Summons"**

*John L. Bell*

Confession and Absolution

*Officiant:* Let us no make our confession our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

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

*People:* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

*The officiant says the following Absolution.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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.**

Prayers for the Healing of Relationships

*The musical selection - "O Lord hear my prayer - Taize chant" is played during the prayers.*

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, reconciling us to each other and to God, pour out your Spirit upon us that there may be a real work of reconciliation in our midst now.

*Officiant:* We remember neighbors....past and present, good neighbors and bad neighbors. We remember friends....good friends and those who let us down. We remember those with whom we worked.... those who were good to be with and those who were a problem to us. We give thanks for every good relationship and seek your mercy for relationships which went wrong, whoever was at fault. May your mercy cover any harm or hurt which these whom we have remembered did to us or we to them.

*People:* **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

*Officiant:* We remember those whose work was meant to help us doctors, teachers, police officers, nurses and all the ordinary people in shops, offices and factories. We give thanks for all the skill and care which has helped us. May your mercy cover any harm or hurt they did to us or we to them.

*People:* **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

*Officiant:* We remember those who needed us to help them, who needed our skill, our care, our prayers. We give thanks for any way in which we were able to mirror your love to them. We ask for your mercy to cover any harm we did, or any good we failed to do in their time of need.

*People:* **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

*Officiant:* We remember those whose suffering cries out for healing, disturbing our peace; those whose plight cries out for justice and those whose misery challenges our right to be comfortable. We give thanks for any way we can respond to their need. Have mercy on our weakness and on our slowness to respond to your Spirit.

*People:* **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

*Officiant:* We remember those whose names we pray for at this time, especially (*name those for whom we wish to intercede*). We ask for your healing mercies on each of them that their illness may be turned into health.

*People:* **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

*The Officiant concludes the Prayers with the following,*

*Officiant:* The almighty Lord, who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him, whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey, be now and evermore your defense. May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Now with this work of reconciliation begun, we would pray as one family,

The Lord's Prayer

*Sung by Noblesse*

The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Officiant may say*

May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of Holy Spirit instill passion and the unity between them give us strength for this and every day...and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among

you and remain with you always.

**People:** Amen.

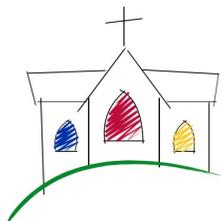
**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

“Stand by Me”

*Sung by Karen Gibson and The Kingdom Choir*



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