



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

September 9, 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

"Take me to the King"

Tamela Mann

Opening Sentence

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40.31*

Opening Prayer

Officiant: O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People: **Amen.**

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

Psalm 27.1, 4-9a, 13-18

(Page 617 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * **the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * **yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; * **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * **and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * **above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * **the Lord will sustain me.**
 15 Show me your way, O Lord; * **lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**
 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * **for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**
 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord * **in the land of the living!**
 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * **wait patiently for the Lord.**

Scriptural Reading: Acts 3. 1-10

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and each other.

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 - "What A Beautiful Name" - Hillsong - Violinist: Daniel Jang (Instrumental) is played during the prayers.

"God who holds us in our anxiety"

Officiant: God of grace and mercy, be present with us as we face an unknown future and as we walk paths untrodden. In the ever-changing and uncertain world where we find ourselves, help us to know and be assured that you are sovereign, that you are all-knowing, all-powerful and ever-present. We know you are a good God who holds us in our anxiety and distress and who has a plan for our future. Calm our hearts and minds and give us hope in you, our only certain hope. We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

The Rev. David Loleng, Director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership, Presbyterian Foundation

For the Sick and Those Giving Care

Officiant: Faithful Healer of the sick, in your loving mercy, embrace those in this time of need, especially *(name those for whom you wish to intercede)*. Guide the nurses, doctors, health professionals, and others who attend to their needs. Use their skills to restore those who are ill to health and joy for the service of Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

For Those in Medical Services

Officiant: Merciful God, your healing power is everywhere about us. Strengthen those who work among the sick; give them courage and confidence in everything they do. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. May they be thankful for every sign of health you give, and humble before the mystery of your healing grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

For Those Who Work for Healing

Officiant: God of compassion, who in Jesus Christ healed the sick, bless all who continue your work of healing. Enhance their skills, and deepen their understanding, that through their ministry those who suffer may be restored to fullness of health, for the sake of Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The three preceding prayers were taken from the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

A Prayer in the Midst of the Coronavirus

Officiant: God of labyrinthian journeys, thank you for walking with us through paths that lead to places that center us, not confusing and blocking our progress like mazes. Thank you for being present with us, even when we forget you are with us. Thank you for the witnesses we have to your faithfulness and love for generation after generation. Thank you, God, for those traveled to places they did not choose, lands foreign to them and challenges they did not design. Thank you, God, for persons who risked their lives to make sure new life thrived, letting their commitment to you and to the community take priority. Thank you, God, for the courage of those who have been steadfast to one another and to you, and the abundant harvest they found where there once was famine. Thank you, God, for the gift of persons who remind us that caring for the body of Christ is primary for us all. Finally, we give thanks for leaders in our midst throughout time who have showed us the way forward as prophets, preachers, pastors and shepherds. Journey with us, O God, in the tumult, twists and turns of this coronavirus crisis, and lead us to a place centered on your love, trust, promise and new life that conquers all. In the name of the one who created us, redeems us, and sustains us, our One God.

People: **Amen.**

Adapted—The Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty, Senior Director of Theological Education Funds Development, Presbyterian Foundation

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by Rhema Marvanne

(Rhema was 7 years old at the time when she sang this version of the Lord's Prayer)

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.

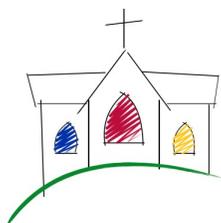
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

"Bless the Lord, O my Soul"

Sung by Matt Redman



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