



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

Veterans' Day

November 11, 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

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Lee Greenwood

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Heavenly Father, in every age, you call certain persons to defend the human family from oppression, tyranny, and evil. Since our founding as a nation "conceived in liberty," countless men and women have stepped forward to defend from aggressors, our country and many others, and to liberate those held captive. Today we revere and thank all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. God, thank You for the selfless sacrifice of these veterans and of their families. Help us to remember them, to pray for them, and to care for them. Bring all our departed veterans into Your Kingdom, and console their families with Your unfailing love. Heal our wounded veterans through the power of Your Holy Spirit, and give to all our veterans the satisfaction of having served You even as they have served us. Thank You for Your gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we continue to keep these rights available to all. In God's most holy name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 2

(Page 586 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * **Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, * **against the Lord and against his Anointed?**

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; * **"let us cast off their bonds from us."**
 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * **the Lord has them in derision.**
 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, * **and his rage fills them with terror.**
 6 "I myself have set my king * **upon my holy hill of Zion."**
 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: * **he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.**
 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * **and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * **and shatter them like a piece of pottery."**
 10 And now, you kings, be wise; * **be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, * **and with trembling bow before him;**
 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * **for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Scriptural Reading: Galatians 5. 13-26

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection: **"Once Crimson Poppies Bloomed"** - Andrew Pratt *Performed by Ruth and Joy Everingham*

Confession and Absolution

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.

A period of silent reflection and self-examination is allowed.

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 of the People

The musical selection - "Laudate Omnes gentes" (Praise all nations) - Taizé Instrumental and original version is played during the prayers.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to God for this nation with all its chartered liberties.
For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For leaders in our nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the common good.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For those military men and women in the five branches of our United States military - the Air Force, the Marine Corps, The Coast Guard, the Army, and the Navy.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellow men and women.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For our veterans who serve in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan; bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For all military personnel who served in noncombative posts, may their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: For persons who are ill, especially those of our military and those for whom we pray today (*name those for whom we wish to intercede*); that their illness may turned into health and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Officiant: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

People: Amen.

Opening Prayer and Prayers of the People, adapted from Veterans' Day Multiple Prayers and Litanies from the Diocese of Newark.

Prayer for those in the Armed Services of our Country

Officiant: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **People:** Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

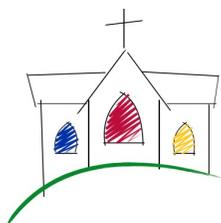
May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of Holy Spirit instill passion and the unity between them give us strength for this and every day...and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain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

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection: "My country tis of thee"



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