



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

November 4, 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

"I can only imagine"

One Voice Children's Choir

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Call to Prayer

Officiant: If this election season has left you feeling hopeless and heart sick;

People: Come, hear God's word of peace, hope and unity.

Officiant: If you feel like your voice is lost in the public square;

People: Come, and remember the covenant God has made with you, to never leave you.

Officiant: If political views and rhetoric have damaged your relationships;

People: Come, to the table where all are forgiven and welcomed.

Officiant: If the brokenness of the world, the nation, and the city seem beyond repair;

People: Come, to pray for the coming of God's realm here and now.

Officiant: God of all peoples and nations, we have gathered at your invitation to pray for our communities, our counties, our states, and our country. We come from varied backgrounds and political beliefs that often put us at odds with our friends, our family and our neighbors. In this time of prayer inspire us through your Spirit to a renewed sense of unity in Christ. Move us beyond the things that would divide to a deep awareness of all that we share, through Jesus, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Psalm 145. 1-2, 8-22

(Page 801 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * **and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

2 Every day will I bless you * **and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * **slow to anger and of great kindness.**
 9 The Lord is loving to everyone * **and his compassion is over all his works.**
 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, * **and your faithful servants bless you.**
 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * **and speak of your power;**
 12 That the peoples may know of your power * **and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * **your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
 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: Ephesians 4. 1-6

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

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

“America the Beautiful”

Mike Curb Congregation

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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.**

Silence

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 - "The kingdom of God" -Taizé Instrumental music is played during the prayers.

Officiant: Out of gratitude for your many gifts, O God, and trusting in your abiding faithfulness...
We pray for our president elect, that they will lead our country with strength and compassion; that they may represent the very best of the United States around the globe; that they may be committed to justice and peace, and bringing our nation together to address our challenges.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for our senators, house of representatives, governors and legislators, that they will be responsive to their whole constituency and enact laws that ensure the wellbeing of all the people they represent.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for all others elected to public office, that their service to their people would be just and beyond reproach; that where ever they serve in local government, schools, or law enforcement, they would treat all people with dignity and serve the common good.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for our nation, our cities, and our neighborhoods, that together we can create a place where all people are respected and safe, where difference of opinion does not lead to violence, and where our combined creativity heals brokenness of all kinds.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray also that regardless of the outcome of our election process, we would remember that we are called by Christ to care for our neighbor, pursue peace and work for justice in our communities. Inspire us to work together, across divisions and difference, to create beloved community where ever we can.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for those who are ill, their families, and friends who love and care for them; we pray for the health professionals who treat their needs, and we pray for strength in faith so that their illness may be turned into health.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: We pray for*[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular]* and ask for your healing mercies on each of them.

Officiant: We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

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.

Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

People: Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

Go from this time of prayer into the world to be people of love, justice, peace and hope, and may God—Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer— guide and support you in all you do.

People: Amen.

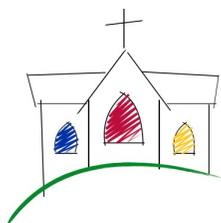
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

“The Lord bless you and keep you”

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