

# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

## Wednesday Devotional Time

December 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

“Awake, sleeper”

Ike Ndolo

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.**

Musical Selection

“The King shall come”

Trevor Thomson

Scriptural Reading: Romans 12.9-18

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo

one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

“Holy Spirit Come and Fill this Place”

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Confession and Absolution

*Officiant:* Let us confess 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.

Intercessory Prayers

*Musical selection - “Taizé instrumental - Tui amoris ignem” (Holy Spirit, come to us) is played during the prayers.*

*Officiant:* The Lord of Jesus loves our brothers and sisters who are ill. With trust, let us pray to him that he will comfort them with his grace, saying:

*People:* Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus, you came as a healer of body, mind, and spirit, in order to cure all our ills.

*People:* Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

*Officiant:* You were a man of suffering, but it was our infirmities that you bore, our sufferings that you endured.

*People:* Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

*Officiant:* You chose to be like us in all things, in order to assure us of your compassion.

*People:* Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

*Officiant:* You experienced the weakness of the flesh in order to deliver us from evil.

**People:** Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

**Officiant:** At the foot of the cross your Mother stood as a companion in your sufferings, and in your tender care you gave her to us as our Mother.

**People:** Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

**Officiant:** You bore our weakness and carried our sorrows.

**People:** Lord, give those who are sick the comfort of your presence.

**Officiant:** Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.  
*[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]*

**Officiant:** With you, O Lord, is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**People:** Hear us, O Lord of life. Heal us, and make us whole.

**Officiant:** Almighty God, giver of life and health: send your blessing on all who are sick, and on all who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**People:** Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord. Amen.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Officiant:** For loving the world and knowing our names.

**People:** Thank you God.

**Officiant:** For your strength that fills us and your love that heals us.

**People:** Thank you God.

**Officiant:** For your presence here with us today and for your hand that leads us into tomorrow.

**People:** Thank you God.

*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

*Composed by P. White*

*Sung by Connections Choir*

## 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.

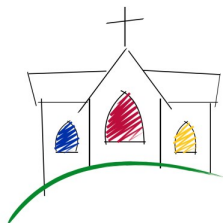
*People:* Amen.

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Meredith Andrews*



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