



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

January 13, 2021 - 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

"You raise me up"

Sung by Color Music Choir

The Officiant begins with the following sentence:

Jesus said: 'I have come that you may have life, and may have it in all its fullness.'

The Officiant continues with these words

Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the gift of life and placed us in a world of beauty and wonder. Your perfect will for us is wholeness in body, mind and spirit. We bow in awe and wonder at your feet and freely acknowledge our dependence upon you for all that is good.

Silence

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, who can banish all affliction both of soul and of body, show forth your power upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 30

(Page 621 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 LORD, because you have lifted me up * **and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * **and you restored me to health.**
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * **you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * **give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * **his favor for a lifetime.**
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, * **but joy comes in the morning.**
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. * **You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**
- 8 Then you hid your face, * **and I was filled with fear.**

9 I cried to you, O LORD; * **I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * **will the dust praise you or declare your**
faithfulness?
11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * **O LORD, be my helper."**
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * **you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * **O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

Scriptural Reading: Isaiah 61. 1-4

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Musical Selection:

"Amazing Grace"

Pentatonix

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Cast your burden upon the Lord

People: **and he will sustain you.**

Officiant: In returning and rest

People: **you shall be saved.**

Officiant: In quietness and trust

People: **shall be your strength.**

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.**

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (Come, Holy Spirit) - is played during the prayers.

(For the Healing of the Nations, the Church, and Individuals)

Officiant: Heavenly Father, we pray for the whole of the human family, your children, our brothers and sisters throughout the world; for the nations of the world and their leaders; and all who have authority and influence; that there may be peace, freedom, and justice among all peoples everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for our country, for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of our government, for the people of our nation, that God will save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. May you heal our divisions and fashion us into a united people, and may justice and peace abound.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all Christian people; that in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission and service.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for all who suffer; for the victims of war and violence; of persecution and aggression; of disaster and accident; we pray for the homeless and the hungry; for refugees and asylum-seekers; for the destitute and the oppressed; for the lonely and unloved; and for those who mourn; that they may find strength and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for the sick in our community, those in hospital or at home, for those whose minds are beset with anxiety and fear, for those oppressed or broken in spirit; for those who turn to us for healing and comfort that, together in you, we may find wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for one another and for ourselves, that we may be instruments of your love and joy. May we know for ourselves, and mediate to others, Your wholeness, healing and salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Gracious Father, we ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Healer, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer for Healing

Officiant: Savior of the world, by your Cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

People: **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Officiant: Father, we pray for those people whose names have been brought to us for healing and for those whose names are mentioned now -

Names of those whose permission has been obtained may be mentioned.

Send your Spirit of life and health on these your servants, embrace them in your loving grace and give them your healing power in the Name of Jesus.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Lord God, your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with his Blood on the cross. Relieve the suffering of those for whom we pray; grant them peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care. Protect us all from the violence of others, keep us safe from the weapons of hate, and restore to us tranquility and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Officiant: We thank you, gracious God. You have loved us from the beginning of time and remembered us when we were in trouble.

People: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: We thank you, redeeming God. You have come to us in Jesus Christ, who heals us and saves us from sin.

People: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: We thank you, holy God. You have sent us your Spirit, to comfort us and lead us into all truth.

People: **Your mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: Gracious, redeeming and holy God, glory and praise be yours, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by William Ferris Chorale

The Blessing and Dismissal

The officiant may say

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

People: **Amen.**

Musical Selection:

"Wonderful, Merciful Saviour"

Selah