

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

March 10, 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

"For these forty days and forty nights"

Michael John Poirier

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

"He Knows My Name"

Maranatha Singers

Scriptural Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable,

undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

“God will make a way”

Don Moen

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 - “Prayer for Lent” (Instrumental) is played during the prayers.

Officiant: The Lord 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

Sung by Mike Curb Congregation

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

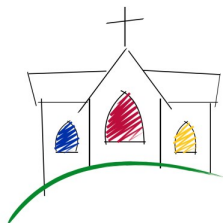
People: you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection: "Will You Come & Follow Me (The Summons)"

John Lamberton Bell



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