



# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

## *Wednesday Devotional Time* *Wednesday in Holy Week (Holy Wednesday)*

**March 31, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Officiant:** Father Tony Holder, Rector

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### **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

**There is a green hill far away**

Opening Salutation

*The Officiant begins with the following words:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Officiant:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The Officiant then says the following prayer:*

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Officiant:** O Savior of the world, who by your Cross and precious blood has redeemed us:

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

Musical Selection:

**At the Cross (Alas and did my Savior bleed)**

*Haven*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53. 3-8

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

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he

was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant says the following prayers*

Lord Jesus, who in this holy week of your Passion did stretch out your arms on the hard wood of the Cross, that all people might be brought within your saving embrace; draw us to thyself with the bands of thy love, that, being bound unto thee forever as thy faithful servants, we may take up our cross daily and follow thee, and at length attain to thine everlasting joy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

Musical Selection: **Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended (Dearest Jesus)**

*Koine*

Scriptural Reading: Philippians 2. 5-11

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant says the following prayers*

Almighty God, who has given your only Son to be to us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

Prayers

*Musical selection - "Stay here with me" - Taizé is played during the prayers.*

*Officiant:* With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayers before the throne of grace.

*Officiant:* Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life.

*People:* **Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Officiant:* Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division.

*People:* **Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Officiant:* Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil.

*People:* **Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Officiant:* Look in mercy upon all who are sick and suffering, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation, especially (*The names of those for whom we wish to intercede are prayed at this time*).

*People:* **Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Officiant:* Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:

*People:* **Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Officiant:* Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.

*People:* **Lord, hear us; Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Officiant:* Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God as we say together the Lord's Prayer,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Musical Selection: **Were you there when they crucified my Lord)**

*Pegasis*

### Reflection on the Cross

*Officiant:* What is the power of the cross? What is the power that comes from Jesus' suffering, his passion and his death? As each candle is extinguished we call to mind the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross.

*Officiant:* The power of the Cross is **Love** - the love that suffers for the sake of others, love that accepts rejection and keeps on loving, love that gives everything.

*A candle is extinguished*

*Officiant:* The power of the Cross is **Joy** - the joy that comes from doing God's will, the joy that is found when our suffering is joined with His, the joy that comes from knowing that Heaven awaits.

*A candle is extinguished*

*Officiant:* The power of the Cross is **Peace** - the peace that passes understanding, the inner peace that no storm can shake, the peace that the world cannot give.

*A candle is extinguished*

*Officiant:* The power of the cross is **Patience** - the patience that endures pain, the patience that bears humiliations and contempt, the patience that waits for Resurrection.

*A candle is extinguished*

*Officiant:* The power of the Cross is **Kindness** - the kindness that forgives one's enemies, the kindness that helps others carry their cross, the kindness that hopes for the good in others saying, " They know not, what they do!"

*A candle is extinguished*

Officiant: The power of the Cross is **Goodness** - the goodness of a soul living in unity with grace, the goodness that ends violence by not retaliating.

*A candle is extinguished*

Officiant: The power of the Cross is **Gentleness** - the gentleness that responds to mockery and ridicule with silence, the gentleness that is humility.

*A candle is extinguished*

*The Officiant says the following prayer*

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ. For all the benefits which you have won for us. For all the pains and insults which you have borne for us, O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother. May we see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

**People:** Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Officiant may say*

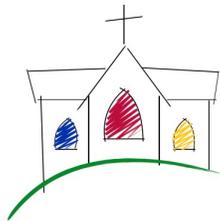
Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this Holy Week and always.

**People:** Amen.

Officiant: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection: O Love of God how strong and true (feat. The Restoration Singers) Deon Muschette



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