



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

April 14, 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

"We are not alone, God is with us

Voice of Eden

The Greeting

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Psalm 118:24*)

Officiant: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: The risen Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Officiant: Heavenly Father, you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom. Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Psalm 86.1-7, 11-13, 15-16

(Page 709 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * **for I am poor and in misery.**
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * **save your servant who puts his trust in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; * **I call upon you all the day long.**
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * **for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, * **and great is your love toward all who call upon you.**
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * **and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * **for you will answer me.**
11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; * **knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**
12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, * **and glorify your Name for evermore.**
13 For great is your love toward me; * **you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**
15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, * **slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**
16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * **give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

Scriptural Reading: Acts 3.1-10

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection: "God sent His Son (Because He Lives)"

Hymnal

Project

Confession and Absolution

A brief silence may be observed for examination of conscience. The Officiant then says

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

The people offer prayers of confession in silence.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Jesus Remember Me" (Taizé Instrumental) - is played during the prayers.

Officiant: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all those here and around the world who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Holy God, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, And bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Mighty God, grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Holy One, bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Almighty God, giver of life and health: send your blessing on all who are sick, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]

Other petitions may be offered.

God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed, And those whom we remember before you..... Heal the pain of all who grieve. God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers.

Officiant: O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Virtual Choir - University of the Philippines Concert Chorus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Officiant: All things come from you, O God, and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, that we might have abundant and eternal life. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

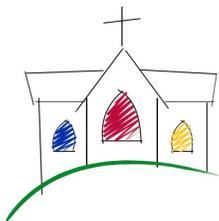
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing....and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this Eastertide and forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

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

Musical Selection: "An Easter Hallelujah" - Cassandra Star & her sister Callahan



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