

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

April 21, 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

"He hideth my soul"

BESY Choir

The Officiant begins with the following sentence:

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (*Joshua 1.9b*).

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 53

(Page 658 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?
- 5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; * for God has scattered the bones of the enemy; they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.
- 6 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when God restores the fortunes of his people Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Scriptural Reading: Matthew 25. 1-13

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Musical Selection:

"He leadeth me"

Fountainview Academy

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed (*James 5:14-16a*).

There follows 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.

Silence

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.

Litany for Healing

The musical selection - "Prayer and Meditative Music—Time alone with God" (Instrumental) is played during the prayers.

- Officiant:** For persons who are wounded and tearful;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are confused or alone;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are afraid or abandoned;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are beaten;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who sleep in fear;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are afraid to go home;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are afraid of their abusers;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are assaulted and for persons who assault;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons whose innocence has been stolen;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who cannot trust;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who cannot love;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons whose hearts are filled with fear;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**
- Officiant:** For persons who are ill, especially *(name those for whom we wish to intercede)*;
People: **Save, heal and protect them, O Lord.**

The Officiant concludes the Prayers with the following,

- Officiant:** Healing God, bless those on a journey of recovery from illness or surgery. Grant strength, patience, and freedom from pain. Bring restoration of health through your Spirit's power. Reach out and touch them so they know you are there, bringing comfort and light even in the darkest of times.
- People:** **Amen.**

- Officiant:** The Lord heals our wounds and strengthens us in our weakness; let us pray as Christ has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by Rhema Marvanne

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 Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever....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.

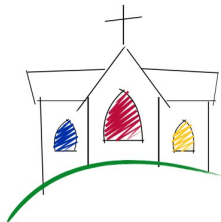
Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Musical Selection:

“Risen”

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