



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

April 28, 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 **"What a Beautiful Name"** Hillsong/BYU Vocal Point ft. David Archuleta

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.

Officiant: O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Holy Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us, in humility, confess our sins to God.

Silence shall be observed.

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 upon 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.**

Psalm 143. 1-2, 5-10

(Page 798 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; * **answer me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, * **for in your sight shall no one living be justified.**
- 5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; * **I consider the works of your hands.**
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; * **my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.**
- 7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; * **do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; * **show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.**
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, * **for I flee to you for refuge.**
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; * **let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

Scriptural Reading: Romans 8. 14-23

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

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection: "One Day at a Time"

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Awesome God" - Piano instrumental is played during the prayers.

Officiant: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People: **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

People: **who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

Officiant: Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

People: **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Officiant: When we turned away from you in sin, your anointed Son took our nature and entered our suffering to bring your healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might become partakers of his glory.

People: **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Officiant: His apostles anointed the sick in your name, bringing wholeness and joy to a broken world. By your grace renewed each day you continue the gifts of healing in your Church that your people may praise your name for ever.

People: **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Officiant: By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those for whom we pray in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit.

People: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Officiant: Hear the prayer we offer for all your people. Remember in your mercy those for whom we pray: *[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]* heal the sick, raise the fallen, strengthen the faint-hearted and enfold in your love the fearful and those who have no hope.

People: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Officiant: In the fullness of time complete your gracious work. Reconcile all things in Christ and make them new, that we may be restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

People: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Officiant: Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

People: **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen.**

A period of silence follows.

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 Lord's Prayer

Tamela Mann

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you this Eastertide and always.

People: Amen.

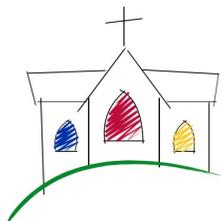
Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Musical Selection:

“He is Exalted”

Sung by Sounds like Reign



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