



# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

## Wednesday Devotional Time

May 5, 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

**“Because He Lives (Amen)”**

West Coast Choir

The Greeting

*The Officiant begins with the following sentence:*

Jesus said: 'I have come that you may have life, and may have it in all its fullness.'

*The Officiant continues with these words*

Almighty God our 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*

Opening Prayer

*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.**

Confession and Absolution

*The confession is followed by silence and these or other words of absolution.*

*Officiant:* In your presence we remember our sin and failure, all that damages our lives, the lives of others and the world which you have created.

*Silence*

In penitence we ask You to forgive us, in the name of our Lord Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us.

*Silence*

*Officiant:* Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

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

*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*

*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.

Psalm 72. 1-8

*(Page 685 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \* **and your righteousness to the King's son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \* **and the poor with justice.**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* **and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \* **he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* **from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* **like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \* **there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, \* **and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Scriptural Reading: Luke 8. 16-25

*Reader:* A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

"No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a washtub or shoves it under the bed. No, you set it up on a lamp stand so those who enter the room can see their way. We're not keeping secrets; we're telling them. We're not hiding things; we're bringing everything out into the open. So be careful that you don't become misers of what you hear. Generosity begets generosity. Stinginess impoverishes." His mother and brothers showed up but couldn't get through to him because of the crowd. He was given the message, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside wanting to see you." He replied, "My mother and brothers are the ones who hear and do God's Word. Obedience is thicker than blood." One day he and his disciples got in a boat. "Let's cross the lake," he said. And off they went. It was smooth sailing, and he fell asleep. A terrific storm came up suddenly on the lake. Water poured in, and they were about to capsize. They woke Jesus: "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" Getting to his feet, he told the wind, "Silence!" and the waves, "Quiet down!" They did it. The lake became smooth as glass. Then he said to his disciples, "Why can't you trust me?" They were in absolute awe, staggered and stammering, "Who is this, anyway? He calls out to the winds and sea, and they do what he tells them!"

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

“Amazing Grace”

BYU Noteworthy (Chris Tomlin)

## Intercessory Prayers

*(For the Healing of the Nations, the Church, and Individuals)**The musical selection - “Stay with me” – Taizé is played during the prayers.*

**Officiant:** Heavenly Father, we pray for the whole of the human family, your children, our brothers and sisters throughout the world; for the nations of the world and their leaders; and all who have authority and influence; that there may be peace, freedom and justice among all peoples everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Officiant:** We pray for all Christian people; for peace in your Church; for the healing of divisions; that in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Officiant:** We pray for all who suffer; for the victims of war and violence; of persecution and aggression; of disaster and accident; we pray for the homeless and the hungry; for refugees and asylum-seekers; for the destitute and the oppressed; for the lonely and unloved; and for those who mourn; that they may find strength and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Officiant:** We pray for the sick in our community, those in hospital or at home, for those whose minds are beset with anxiety and fear, for those oppressed or broken in spirit; for those who turn to us for healing and comfort that, together in you, we may find wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Officiant:** We pray for one another and for ourselves, that we may be instruments of your peace and joy. May we know for ourselves, and mediate to others, Your wholeness, healing and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Officiant:** Gracious Father, we ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Healer, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

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

## Prayer for Healing

**Officiant:** Father, we pray for those people whose names have been brought to us for healing and for those whose names are mentioned now –

*Names of those whose permission has been obtained may be mentioned.*

Send your Spirit of life and health on these your servants, embrace them in your loving grace and give them your healing power in the Name of Jesus.

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

## Prayer for the Sick

**Officiant:** God of hope and healing, be with those whose bodies burn with fever, rage with pain, struggle for breath, cry out for limbs that used to be, or crave addictive substances. Be with those whose

minds and emotions face the wait of a diagnosis, wrestle with the choices for treatment, adapt to a life altered by chronic illness, recover from abuse, or push against the encroaching clouds of dementia. Be with those whose spirits are exhausted by the quest for health, doubt the existence of love, question the fairness of life, or stare into the face of death. Cool the fever, bring balm to the pain, ease the fight for air, adapt the body for new ways to move, and calm the cravings. Ease anxiety and fear. Build trust in your everlasting love and care. God of all, hear our prayer.

**People:** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Composed by P. White*

The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Officiant may say*

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand; 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.

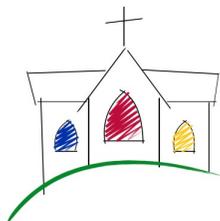
*Officiant:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

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

Musical Selection:

**"When You Believe"**

*One Voice Children's Choir*



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