



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

June 16, 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

"I surrender"

Hillsong

Opening Sentence

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Opening Prayer

Officiant: The love of God has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:

People: We dwell in him and he lives in us.

Officiant: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Officiant: Sing to God, sing praises to his name:

People: And speak of all his marvelous works.

Officiant: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

People: Who was and is and is to come.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

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 139. 1-9

(Page 794 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by verse.)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 **If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

Scriptural Reading: 1 Corinthians 2. 1-16

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

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" – the things God has prepared for those who love him— these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

"Draw me close to You"

Hillsong

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.

People: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

The Officiant says the following Absolution.

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Amen.

Intercession for Healing

The musical selection - "Jésus le Christ" - Taizé instrumental is played during the prayers.

Officiant: God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

People: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

People: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:

People: Have mercy on us.

Officiant: To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers.
For all who are in need of healing,

Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: For all who are disabled by injury or illness,

Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: For all who are troubled by confusion or pain,

Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: For all whose increasing years bring weariness,

Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: For all about to undergo surgery,

Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: For all who cannot sleep,
Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: For all who practice the healing arts,
Silence.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Here petitions for specific needs may be offered by the people.

Officiant: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*Violin and Piano Instrumental*)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

Go from this time of prayer into the world to be people of love, justice, peace and hope, and may God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer– guide and support you in all you do.

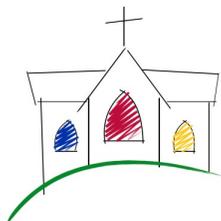
People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

“Because He lives”



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