



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

June 2, 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

“Blessed Assurance”

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord, and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts, visit us with the grace of your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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.**

Psalm 138

(Page 793 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * **before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * **because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * **and your word above all things.**
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * **you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * **when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * **that great is the glory of the LORD.**
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * **he perceives the haughty from afar.**
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * **you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * **O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Scriptural Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

Hillsong

Confession and Absolution

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

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.

Silence

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.

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Taizé - Tui amoris ignem (Instrumental)" is played during the prayers.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Prayer for Comfort in Suffering

Loving God, we pray that you will comfort us in our suffering, lend skill to the hands of our healers, and bless the means used for our cure. Give us such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when we are afraid, we may put our whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ.

(Adapted from Enriching Our Worship 2)

People: Amen.

Prayer for Patience in Sickness

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will. Be near us in our time of weakness and pain; sustain us by your grace, that our strength and courage may not fail; heal us according to your will; and help us always to believe that what happens to us here is of little account if you hold us in eternal life, our Lord and our God. *(Adapted from Book of Common Prayer Chapel Edition)*

People: Amen.

Prayer for Mental Healing

Officiant: Jesus, we know that when you walked on the earth, you trod upon hard places, you felt the strain of this world and the pressures of mental anguish. So we ask that you would come besides those who are experiencing mental torment now, lead them through this time where their minds cannot cope. Help them to find peace and calming inner thoughts. You hold them safe Lord, we trust in you. *(Unknown)*

People: Amen.

Prayer for a Quiet Mind, Expectant Heart

Officiant: Merciful Jesus, you are our guide, the joy of our heart, the author of our hope, and the object of our love. We come seeking refreshment and peace. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, and grant us a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence we may learn to abide in you, who is our Lord and my God. *(Enriching Our Worship 2)*

People: Amen.

Prayer for Renewing our Minds, Bodies, and Souls

Officiant: Lord, we come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold our hearts within yours, and renew our minds, bodies, and souls. You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy. Give us the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us. Guide us towards better health, and give us the wisdom to identify those you've placed around us to help us get better. In your name we pray. *(Adapted from Expressions of Empowerment)*

People: Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

Officiant: Dear Jesus, divine physician and healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care especially *(the names of persons may be said here...)* and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

People: Amen. *(Catholic Prayers for All Occasions)*

Prayer of Blessing for Another's Healing

Officiant: May you desire to be healed. May what is wounded in your life be restored to good health. May you be receptive to the ways in which healing needs to happen. May you take good care of yourself. May you extend compassion to all that hurts within your body, mind, and spirit. May you be patient with the time it takes to heal. May you be aware of the wonders of your body, mind, and spirit and their ability in returning you to good health. May you be open to receive from those who extend kindness, care, and compassion to you. May you rest peacefully under the sheltering wings of divine love, trusting in this gracious presence. May you find little moments of beauty and joy to sustain you. May you keep hope in your heart. *(Out of the Ordinary by Joyce Rupp)*

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Piano Instrumental by Jewpeter Vidad

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Officiant may say

May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness, the grace of God the Father grant us peace, the breath of Holy Spirit instill passion and the unity between them give us strength for this and every day...and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

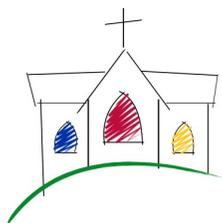
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

“To God be the glory”

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