



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

June 30, 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

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Fountainview Academy

Opening Sentence

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. *Isaiah 40.31*

Opening Prayer

Officiant: O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People: **Amen.**

The Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Psalm 87

(Page 711 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * **the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * **O city of our God.**
- 3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * **behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.**
- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, * **and the Most High himself shall sustain her."**
- 5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, * **"These also were born there."**
- 6 The singers and the dancers will say, * **"All my fresh springs are in you."**

Scriptural Reading: John 21. 15-19

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

Kathryn Scott

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and each other.

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.

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.

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Ubi Caritas et amor ("Where charity and love are") - Taizé is played during the prayers.

Officiant: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

People: Son of God, you came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Officiant: Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole. Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Officiant: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

People: **Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit. Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Officiant: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Hear us, O Lord of life.

People: **Give to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Officiant: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin: in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Hear us, O Lord of life.

People: **You are the Lord who does wonders. You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Officiant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]

Officiant: With you, O Lord, is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

People: **Hear us, O Lord of life. Heal us, and make us whole.**

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.**

Officiant: God of labyrinthian journeys, thank you for walking with us through paths that lead to places that center us, not confusing and blocking our progress like mazes. Thank you for being present with us, even when we forget you are with us. Thank you for the witnesses we have to your faithfulness and love for generation after generation. Thank you, God, for those traveled to places they did not choose, lands foreign to them and challenges they did not design. Thank you, God, for persons who risked their lives to make sure new life thrived, letting their commitment to you and to the community take priority. Thank you, God, for the courage of those who have been steadfast to one another and to you, and the abundant harvest they found where there once was famine. Thank you, God, for the gift of persons who remind us that caring for the body of Christ is primary for us all. Finally, we give thanks for leaders in our midst throughout time who have showed us the way forward as prophets, preachers, pastors and shepherds. Journey with us, O God, in the tumult, twists and turns of this coronavirus crisis, and lead us to a place centered on your love, trust, promise and new life that conquers all. In the name of the one who created us, redeems us, and sustains us, our One God.

People: **Amen.**

Adapted—The Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty, Senior Director of Theological Education Funds Development, Presbyterian Foundation

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.

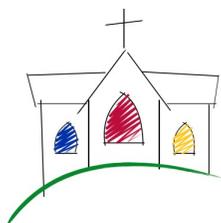
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

“I want Jesus to walk with me”

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