

# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

## Wednesday Devotional Time

June 9, 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

**"Just as I am without one plea"**

The Greeting

*The Officiant begins with the following words:*

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.**

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 112

*(Page 755 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)*

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \* **and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* **the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* **and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* **the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \* **and to manage their affairs with justice.**  
 6 For they will never be shaken; \* **the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**  
 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* **their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.**  
 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* **until they see their desire upon their enemies.**  
 9 They have given freely to the poor, \* **and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.**  
 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \* **the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Scriptural Reading: Acts 11.19-30; 13.1-3

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians." At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

**"His eye is on the sparrow"**

*Fountainview Academy*

Confession and Absolution

*Officiant:* Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

*(James 5:14–16a).*

*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.*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People:** Amen.

## A Litany of Healing

*The musical selection - "Taizé - The Kingdom of God" (Instrumental) is played during the prayers.*

**Officiant:** We pray for ourselves, for the whole community, and most especially for those who, at this time, cannot pray for themselves.

**Officiant:** When my soul is filled with troubles (Ps 88:3)

**People:** Jesus, save me.

**Officiant:** When I am weary with crying and my eyes fail, looking for you (Ps 69:4)

**People:** Jesus, save me.

**Officiant:** When I am scorned and betrayed by those I trust (Ps 41:10)

**People:** Jesus, save me.

**Officiant:** When I am alone and afflicted (Ps 25:16)

**People:** Jesus, save me.

**Officiant:** When my friends and companions shun my pain (Ps 38:12)

**People:** Jesus, save me.

**Officiant:** When sin overcomes me and my courage fails (Ps 40:3)

**People:** Jesus, save me.

**Officiant:** That you formed my inmost being and know the concerns of my heart (Ps 139:13, 23)

**People:** Jesus, increase my faith.

**Officiant:** That my future is secure and safe in your hands (cf. Ps 16:5)

**People:** Jesus, increase my faith.

**Officiant:** That this darkness is not dark for you, but bright as daylight (Ps 139:12)

**People:** Jesus, increase my faith.

**Officiant:** That this trial is not outside your power or beyond the reach of your love (Ps 139:16)

**People:** Jesus, increase my faith.

**Officiant:** That you will change my mourning into dancing and clothe me with gladness (Ps 30:12)

**People:** Jesus, increase my faith.

**Officiant:** That you will wipe every tear from our eyes (Rev 21:4)

**People:** Jesus, increase my faith.

**Officiant:** That through all my troubles, you are clearing a way (Ps 4:2)

**People:** Jesus, I trust in you.

**Officiant:** That those who trust in you will never be shaken (Ps 112:6-7)

**People:** Jesus, I trust in you.

**Officiant:** That I cannot hide from your presence and your love (Ps 139:7)

**People:** Jesus, I trust in you.

**Officiant:** That you are my strength, my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer (Ps 18:2-3)

**People:** Jesus, I trust in you.

**Officiant:** That you are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you (Ps 86:5)

**People:** Jesus, I trust in you.

**Officiant:** That you say to my heart, "I am your salvation" (Ps 35:3)

**People:** Jesus, I trust in you.

**Officiant:** The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, [and] the sick I will heal (Ex 34:16) especially... *Names of those whose permission has been obtained may be mentioned.*

**People:** Jesus, serve your Church in us.

**Officiant:** My dwelling is with the human race. I will dwell with them ...and I myself will always be with them as their God. (Rev 21:3)

**People:** Come, Lord Jesus. Live in your Church and in us. (Gal 2:20)

*Adapted from the Daughters of St. Paul. www.pauline.org*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Officiant:** Let us now in the words which our Savior Christ has taught us,

**People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*The officiant may say*

The almighty Lord, who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him, whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey, be now and evermore your defense. May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ..and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**People:** Amen.

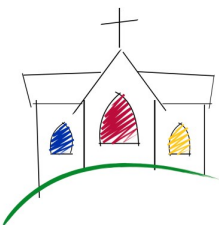
**Officiant:** Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

**"What a Friend we have in Jesus"**

*Fountainview Academy*



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