

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[we cannot take anything out of the world” (James 2:18, NASB).



Peace and Contentment (Eduard von Grützner (1897).

Welcome!

For the safety of all, we ask that you please follow the following guidelines and rules. Thank you!

- Masks must be worn at all times even during the worship service
- Outside of family, one must follow social distancing, maintaining a distance of 6 feet.
- Pastor will be practicing safe distancing which means he will not be able to personally greet and talk with you except for maintain safe distance. If you would like to talk with pastor in a more personal setting, please call him.
- The congregation will leave starting with the last row and moving forward.

+ Order of Worship +

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

C And make Your face to shine upon us.

P May Your ways be known upon the earth,

C Your saving power among all peoples.

P Since we have assembled here to hear God's Word, and to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us think of our unworthiness, confess before God our sins.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:35-40).

C Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against You and against our neighbors, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. 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. Amen.

P The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

C Amen.

P Glory be to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. we worship You, we give You thanks we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

P You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

C For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Gracious Father, keep before us the wisdom and love You have revealed in Your Son. Help us to be like Him in word and deed, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

1 Kings 17: 8-19

Then the word of the Lord came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."

And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah....

Second Lesson

James 2:6-10

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and[we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Alleluia

P Alleluia. Alleluia. Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

C but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for His goodness. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You promised through Your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Your Church, O Lord, that the Church may be faithful in living out the faith You call us to live and show. Forgive our faults and give us the courage and strength to witness in Word and Deeds!.

P Loving Father, protect me from coveting possessions or people, talent or influence, relationships or prestige. Keep my heart from being anxious for what I don't have and make me thankful for the numerous gifts that You have already given.

P Bless and guide our rulers; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that people may honor one another, and seek the common good. Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

P Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...,

Pam Brown (Anne Arundel Hospital Center – Annapolis); **Kathy** (sister of Pam Brown)
Ray Cannon, (husband of Susan Cannon, Patuxent River Health and Rehabilitation Center, Laurel) ;
Ruth Embry (White Oak Rehabilitation Center, Silver Spring);
David Shepherd (South River Rehab, Edgewater); **Robin Beam**, (sister of Susan Lucero);
Raymond O'Neil (friend of John Waldron and Anne Marie Bradley - Lymphoma)

Give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, this week we remember our sainted members

(Louise Winker (7/22); Larry Gibson (7/25).

P Hear us as we come to You with our own private prayers and concerns. **(Moment of Silence).**

Grant us with all Your saints a share in Your eternal kingdom. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all Your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to Your unfailing love.

C **Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

Holy Communion Liturgy

P St. Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you a.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C **It is right to give him our thanks and praise.**

P It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. And so with hearts full of love we join with all of heaven proclaiming the eternal hymn.

C **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory, glory be to You, O Lord most high. Blessed be He that has come and is to come. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

C **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**

P On the night on which our Lord Jesus was given over to suffering and death through the betrayal of a friend, He took bread, and after He had blessed it and given thanks to you for it, O Lord, He gave it to His disciples and said, Take, eat, this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

C **We give You thanks, our Father, for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. He, Jesus is the Bread of life Who gives life. Blessed are You, Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

After the supper, He took the cup, and after He had blessed it and given thanks to You for it, O Lord, He said, Drink of this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for the remission of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Therefore, as often as we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim His death until He comes again. Amen.

C **We again give You thanks, our Father, for the life You give us in and through Jesus Who has promised that all Who come to Him will never thirst and hunger again. Blessed are You, Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world' have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

C **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, o whom with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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