

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

“With it [tongue] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so” (James 5:9, 10).



Taming Your Tongue!

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 Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C Dear Heavenly Father, Your servant James wrote: “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be” (James 3:9,10). We lower our heads before You and we confess that we have not used Your name to bless others, but, instead, we have used Your name to curse and swear. Father forgive us for not loving and respecting You or Your name. Help us to control our tongues so that we may not bring shame upon Your name and our own reputations. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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: Holy Spirit, teach us to speak wisely. Grant that my words may never hurt those around me. Take possession of my mind and use me to be Your instrument of peace in this world. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 20:1, 7

Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...."You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Second Lesson

James 3:5 - 12

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:33-37

"Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or lack. 37 But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

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 us from coveting possessions or people, talent or influence, relationships or prestige. Keep our hearts from being anxious for what we don't have and make us thankful for the numerous gifts that You have already given.

Lord, we know that our tongues often gets ahead of our minds and hearts. We are so quick to speak first and then repent of the many thoughtless things we have spoken. We are sorry for words we have spoken in anger or in gossip. Help us Lord to be a person full of loving words, full of Your Spirit, overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self control.

P We ask Your blessing upon all in authority over us, that they may make wise decisions and act decisively to protect us and maintain the good order of the societies and economies in which we live and work. We ask Your blessing upon our armed forces, police and first responders, and especially upon all who are called professionally and vocationally to give of themselves so bravely and selflessly to heal and care for us should we fall ill: our doctors and nurses, and all who support them.

P We pray especially for those who are more vulnerable: the elderly and the infirm, the poor and the homeless, and for all who live alone. We pray for all who are now seriously ill and for the souls of those who have died. May they rest in peace with You.

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

Alexis Duffy, (God child of Greg and Cindy Clem suffering from cancer);

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 (Home now); **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.

Anniversaries: Jim & Mindy Ittenbach 7/29).

- P Hear us as we come to You with our own private prayers and concerns. (Moment of Silence).
- P During this time of physical isolation and continuing distance, help us to keep our relationships and our community strong; bless the love which binds us together and make it stronger. Save us from pride and selfishness, and from the panic and fear which act against your love for us.

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.

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 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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