



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: James 3:1–12

p. 1103

Commentary: In the second chapter of his letter, James highlighted the problem of idle, inconsistent faith and in these verses, his subject is careless, damaging speech. The tongue is the hardest part of the body to control, so those who speak much are liable to err much in their speech. Though small and seemingly insignificant, the tongue, like the bit or rudder, can exert great influence out of all proportion to its size. Apart from the Holy Spirit's help, no one has been able to subdue the tongue. The tongue is also contradictory, used to praise God as well as to curse other people.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–38

NRSV, p. 921

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glorify be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 652	"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"	<i>Rest</i>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 16-20

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor
- GREETER TRAINING
5:30 PM | Tatum Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:20 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks

WEDNESDAY, CONTINUED

- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:
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11:00 AM | Graham Parlor
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- SPEAKER EVENT: WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER - WHAT CHRISTIAN FAITH OFFERS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE
6:30 PM | Reception | RSVP
7:00 PM | Presentation | First Presbyterian
- HAPPENING #81 TEAM MEETING
7:00 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE
8:00 - 11:00 AM | A Safe Place

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:00 AM | Great Hall
- ST. JAMES PARISH SHOP OPEN
8:30 - 11:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:00 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- HOSPITALITY: LEMONADE & COOKIES
11:30 AM | St. James Parish Lawn
- IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

THIS SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

Sunday, September 15 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Meet on the Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Meet in the Great Hall
 - This Sunday, the Rev. Gray Hodsdon will lead: *Life In Community: What It Means to be a Community in Christ*. All are invited to join us in the Great Hall as we introduce this year's formation theme "Life in Community" and discuss why community matters, especially Christian community.

LATER TODAY

- GREETER TRAINING | 11:30 AM | St. James Church
- IGNITE! Middle School Youth Group | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, September 22 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Great Hall
 - The Rev. Jay Sidebotham leads: Growing Spiritually as a Community - What do we mean by spiritual growth? Is it just an individual journey or does the community contribute to the growth? If so, how? We'll begin this series with a conversation about what we mean by spiritual growth, how it happens, and what we can do together to foster that kind of growth.

LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- IGNITE! Middle School Youth Group | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

SPEAKER SERIES: WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER - WHAT CHRISTIAN FAITH OFFERS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Wednesday, September 18 | First Presbyterian Church 6:30 p.m. Reception | 7:00 p.m. Program | | RSVP Requested

St. James and First Presbyterian are once again joining forces to share a wonderful speaker opportunity with our community. Join psychiatrist and theologian Dr. Warren Kinghorn for a conversation about how we can move from isolation and loneliness to connection and belonging. All are warmly welcome! This event is free. RSVP's are highly encouraged if you plan to attend the 6:30 p.m. Reception. The Plenary & Conversation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

COME TO THE TABLE: 2024 PARISH RETREAT

*RETREAT WEEKEND: September 27-29
Registration Deadline: September 19th*

We welcome our parish family to attend this year's Parish Retreat, where we will reflect in the shared faith and relationship that we bring and receive at the table. Come join us for times of individual, small group and community contemplation of the story of the Road to Emmaus for adults, youth and children alike. We will learn and play as a parish family. Join us as we explore this story in a variety of methods as well as have time for relaxation and respite. All are welcome to be a part of fellowship, food and fun at Trinity Center.

LET US KNOW!

We want to help support you through the bad and the good. If you, or a loved one would like a pastoral care visit or to request prayer, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you've experienced a job change and have a new preferred email, or maybe you've moved and have a new mailing address, please make sure to let us know. Please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org to update your information.

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser ~ Children's Chapel: Taber Stockstill-Tornes
The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Hungerford Baggett*

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