

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020



And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (Mark 4:41).

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 now confess our sins to almighty God. Most merciful God,

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to His call we have acknowledged our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Venite (Psalm 95)

P O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

C Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.

P For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

C In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.

P The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

C Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

P For he is our God;

C we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray – Almighty God, we thank You that You love and care for all Your people. When storm clouds loom and troubles threaten, bring peace and calm to us, because we know that everything is in Your hands. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

P O Lord God, You alone spread out the heaven and You alone rule the seas below; You have set the limits of earth, sky and sea until the end of the ages. Accept our praise this morning, bless us with Your blessings and protect us from all forms of danger. Strengthen and protect Your Church throughout the world. Keep us focused on living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

P Father, we pray for our children and grandchildren as they enter into this new school year. Guard and protect them from all harms and dangers, especially from this pandemic. Be with all teachers as they attempt to teach under difficult situations. Bless all families who struggle to create a sense of normalcy.

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through You, authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with Your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by You to lead our country with honesty and integrity.

Help us to put aside differences and politics and seek the common good for all. Keep us from living with fear. Give us the wisdom to turn away from conspiracies theories that only serve to divide us.

Lord God You are the God of Wind, sky and sea. We pray for those parts of our nation that are experiencing devastating fires and destruction. Comfort, Father, those who have lost all their worldly possessions from the fires, protect the homes and businesses of those in harm way. Be with and protect all who put their lives on the line to fight these fires.

We also pray for our Gulf states who face the possibility of two separate hurricanes this week. Again we ask that as our Lord Jesus commanded the winds and waves to cease, so too, these storms may not cause destruction of life and property.

Alexis Duffy, (Godchild of Greg and Cindy Clem suffering from cancer);
Pam Brown (Chase Larkin Center - Bowie); **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);

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

Birthdays:
Sarah Sowho (8/24).

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, this week we remember our sainted member:
Florence Holly (8/25); **Michelle Burrus** (8/25).

Now Father, listen as we come to You with our prayers:

P Help us to know, O God, that the one who calmed the dangerous sea is present with us, cares for us, and can calm the stormy waters of our lives. Help us to trust more fully and more deeply in You. We pray in the name of Jesus, who invites us to be at peace.

C Amen.

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

Prayer for the Pandemic

C We pray for Your grace and mercy that an end to this disease will come soon; and that life, labor, community and human touch will be restored. Give us courage and strength to amend our ways of living in the face of this great human tragedy, cooperating with medical authorities to preserve our own health and safeguard others. Help us overcome our fears and give us confidence to ask this in the Name of Your most blessed Son, Who came and gave His life so that we might live fully, Jesus our Lord and Savior. 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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