

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 13 (Modified)**

COLLECT

Traditional

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
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Contemporary

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*
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First Lesson: Proverbs 8:5-9, 10:18-21, 11:9, 12-14

8⁵O simple ones, learn prudence;

O fools, learn sense.

6Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right,

7for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

9They are all straight to him who understands,
and right to those who find knowledge.

10¹⁸The one who conceals hatred has lying lips,
and whoever utters slander is a fool.

19When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

20The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;
the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

21The lips of the righteous feed many,
but fools die for lack of sense.

11⁹With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor,
but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.

12Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.

13Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

14Where there is no guidance, a people falls,
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Second Lesson: James 3:1-10

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And 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. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-17

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.