

**UNLESS the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain
who build it...** Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

On Summer Hiatus Until November

**Fund raising and shelter cleanup
efforts are beginning this month**

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

Announcements:

Shenkel UCC in North Coventry, in their attempt to host our shelter for 2 years now, might be coming to the end of a long road, legally with North Coventry. The ACLU has filed a law suit on their behalf. Our friends at Shenkel have done this reluctantly, not wanting conflict with the Township, but when the world's kingdoms come into conflict with Christ's kingdom and following Him, we must be obedient to our King. Keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, remember Patrice's sister, that she finds employment and faith.

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

July 19, 2009: Proper 11 (Year B)

psalm 89:20-37, 2 samuel 7.1-14a,

mark 6.30-34, 53-56, & ephesians 2.11-22

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July 12 = 2009

HELLO
who am I?
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Identification
Or, two kings & two dances

Worship
psalm 24
2 samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19
mark 6. 14-29
ephesians 1.3-14

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465
Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Mark 6.3-14

Focus Film ::

“ Psalm 24 ”

Scripture Reading ::

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19

Focus Film ::

“ Sufficient in Him ”

The Scripture ~

Identification *Or, two kings and two dances*

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation,..

Ephesians 1.8b—13

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 24, 2 samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19,
mark 6.14-29, & ephesians 1.3-14

Focus Film ::

“ Troublesome ”

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his
deeds with songs of joy

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✚ who do you think you are?

✚ too familiar

✚ koinonia to God



Meditation:
King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." Mark 6.14—16

Reflection:

Mark's gospel was written for a fledgling community of followers trapped between the violence of Jewish revolutionaries and that of the Roman Empire - the latter echoing the murder of John the Baptist. It was at a similar moment that Jesus proclaimed the good news of another reality: God's reign, available for followers to choose.

Mark's gospel offers an antidote to domesticated, superficial Christianity. – William O'Brien



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home church studies

Psalms 24

[Worship]

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; 2 for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. 5 They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Selah

Consider:

[Words]

There is some pretty heavy stuff in this series of readings. King David is in an exultant mood as he accompanies the reclaimed Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God's presence, into Jerusalem. But the danger of familiarity with God and assuming that God can be controlled by humans is sharply exposed (2 Samuel 6:6-8). David realizes that there are limits to his influence and power, and the psalmist reminds us clearly that the true presence of God is available only to those who are clean of hands and pure of heart.

Mark confronts us with a story of the apparent victory of evil over good. Herod and the coalition of government, political, and commercial interests represented at his dinner party seek to terminate the prophetic criticism that calls for an end to double standards. John's summary execution, on the scheming whim of one of the accused parties, is typical of tyrannical activity in every age.

Against the background of emperor worship and relentless persecution of the Christian community by religious and secular authorities, Paul offers a theological treatise on the nature of the

salvation of God. He reminds us of the everlasting nature of God's presence and reiterates to those in fear that, before the world was made, God marked us out to be adopted children in Christ. Paul declares that there are limits to the oppressive powers; God's pledge is that, when the times have run their course, everything will be brought under Christ.

Reflection and Action

These readings call us to a renewal of our faith in the victory of God. They invite us to honor God's sovereignty, to recognize the limits of secular power, and to revisit the source of our salvation. How might you do this in your life, community, and church?

[Scripture]

Mark 6.14-29

14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



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Daily Lectionary Readings
for Ordinary Calendar Year B [Worship]

These readings are adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, Daily Readings for Year One.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun Jul 5	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	1 Sam 14:36-45	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 22:1-14
Mon P9 Jul 6	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	1 Sam 15:1-3, 7-23	Acts 9:19b-31	Luke 23:44-56a
Tues Jul 7	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	1 Sam 15:24-35	Acts 9:32-43	Luke 23:56b-24:11
Wed Jul 8	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Sam 16:1-13	Acts 10:1-6	Luke 24:12-35
Thur Jul 9	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	1 Sam 16:14-17:11	Acts 10:17-33	Luke 24:36-53
Fri Jul 10	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	1 Sam 17:17-30	Acts 10:34-48	Mark 1:1-13
Sat Jul 11	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Sam 17:31-49	Acts 11:1-18	Mark 1:14-28
Sun Jul 12	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	1 Sam 17:50-18:4	Rom 10:4-17	Matt 23:29-39
Mon P10 Jul 13	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	1 Sam 18:5-16 27b-30	Acts 11:19-30	Mark 1:29-45
Tue Jul 14	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	1 Sam 19:1-18	Acts 12:1-17	Mark 2:1-12
Wed Jul 15	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	1 Sam 20:1-23	Acts 12:18-25	Mark 2:13-22
Thur Jul 16	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	1 Sam 20:24-42	Acts 13:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Fri Jul 17	am: 31 pm: 35	1 Sam 21:1-15	Acts 13:13-25	Mark 3:7-19a
Sat Jul 18	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	1 Sam 22:1-23	Acts 13:26-43	Mark 3:19b-35
Sun Jul 19	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	1 Sam 23:7-18	Rom 11:33-12:2	Matt 24:14-30

Mon P11 Jul 20	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	1 Sam 24:1-22	Acts 13:44-52	Mark 4:1-20
Tue Jul 21	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	1 Sam 25:1-22	Acts 14:1-18	Mark 4:21-34
Wed Jul 22	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	1 Sam 25:23-44	Acts 14:19-28	Mark 4:35-41
Thur Jul 23	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 66, 67	1 Sam 28:3-20	Acts 15:1-11	Mark 5:1-20
Fri Jul 24	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	1 Sam 31:1-13	Acts 15:12-21	Mark 5:21-43
Sat Jul 25	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	2 Sam 1:1-16	Acts 15:22-35	Mark 6:1-13
Sun Jul 26	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	2 Sam 1:17-27	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 25:31-46
Mon P12 Jul 27	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	2 Sam 2:1-11	Acts 15:36-16:5	Mark 6:14-29
Tue Jul 28	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	2 Sam 3:6-21	Acts 16:6-15	Mark 6:30-46
Wed Jul 29	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	2 Sam 3:22-39	Acts 16:16-24	Mark 6:47-56
Thur Jul 30	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	2 Sam 4:1-12	Acts 16:25-40	Mark 7:1-23
Fri Jul 31	am: 69 pm: 73	2 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 17:1-15	Mark 7:24-37
Sat Aug 1	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	2 Sam 5:22-6:11	Acts 17:16-34	Mark 8:1-10

your talking points notes...