

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:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2009/2010 Season is beginning to ramp up and we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and storage to beginning. We are dangerously low on overnight staff, threatening our November opening. 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!!

Your Prayer Notes:

Pray for the Cox & Twaddell families at the loss of Kim. These families are heartbroken through this terrible loss. Pray for God's grace as they look for answers in this tragedy.

Please pray for Gary Allan and his family at the loss of their grandchild this week. Kim was in her 1st trimester and lost the baby last Sunday in the hospital. Keep them in your prayers.

Pray for Bruce Heller who was hospitalized this week.

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation; remember.

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:

September 20, 2009: Proper 20 (Year B)

psalm 1, proverbs 31.10-31,

mark 9.30-37, & james 3.13 - 4.3, 7-8a

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God in a Box
Or, who do you
Think you Are

Worship

psalm 19

proverbs 1.20-33

mark 8.27-38

james 3.1-12

Benediction

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Every Sunday Evening at 9:30, St. John's Parish House

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Lose Your Life”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 19

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his

Scripture Reading ::

deeds with songs of joy

Proverbs 1. 20-33

Focus Film ::

“Who Is Drowning?”

The Scripture ~

God in a Box Or, who do you Think You Are?

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." *Mark 8. 27—30*

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 19, proverbs 1.20-33,
mark 8.27-38 & james 3.1-12

Focus Film ::

“All The Way”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

Meditation:

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." *Mark 8. 34—35*

Reflection:

"With this ominous invitation, the cost of discipleship got much, much bigger. Embracing Jesus means embracing that cross. Mark doesn't say it, but I suspect that after these words, the crowds around Jesus got smaller." --Joe Roos.

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Psalm 19

[Worship]

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Consider:

[Words]

James tells us to watch our tongue because it is "a whole wicked world" (James 3:6). Wisdom, that is, the Spirit, calls for our attention and warns those who mock others, and who hate knowledge of God's justice, that "they will have to eat the fruits of their own ways of life and choke themselves with their own scheming" (Proverbs 1:22, 31). The psalmist calls us to behave with integrity because we are here to worship God and the beauty of creation, which reveals God's creative power (Psalm 19:1).

However, it is the gospel that gives the strongest directive to all who would follow Christ—"renounce self" (Mark 8:34). Direct, almost brutal, it is the element of the gospel, apart from loving neighbors as ourselves, to which we are most resistant. Certainly the idea of renouncing self has led to oppression within the church of one group

over another, particularly men over women, and that is in itself a corruption of Jesus' intent. The "self" talked of here is the self that resists the invitation to inclusivity; refuses reconciliation, the practice of saving justice, and God's invitation to recreate the world (Psalm 19:4).

Self-renunciation is coupled with a mind-blowing activity to "take up the cross" (Mark 8:34). For most of us, the idea of judicial execution is chilling and unacceptable. The cross symbolized such a form of execution, firmly placing the victim of such punishment as someone from the wrong side of the tracks—which is not where most professing Christians come from.



Miguel D'Escoto of Nicaragua once observed, "I don't think we Christians have understood what carrying the cross means: the path of baptism. We are not carrying the cross when we are poor or sick, or suffering small everyday things. They are all part of life. The cross comes when we try to change things. That is how it came for Jesus." Let's get it straight!

Reflection and Action


Do you agree with Miguel D'Escoto's understanding of carrying the cross? Can you think of examples from your own or other people's lives that would bear this out?

[Scripture]

Mark 8. 31-38

31 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. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 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." 34 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. 35 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. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38

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."



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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.

Sun Aug 30	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	1 Kng 8:22-40	1 Tim 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon P17 Aug 31	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	2 Ch 6:32-7:7	Jam 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
Tue Sept 1	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	1 Kng 8:65-9:9	Jam 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72
Wed Sept 2	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	1 Kng 9:24-10:13	Jam 3:1-12	Mark 15:1-11
Thur Sept 3	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	1 Kng 11:1-13	Jam 3:13-4:12	Mark 15:12-21
Fri Sept 4	am: 31 pm: 35	1 Kng 11:26-43	Jam 4:13-5:6	Mark 15:22-32
Sat Sept 5	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	1 Kng 12:1-20	Jam 5:7-12, 19-20	Mark 15:33-39
Sun Sept 6	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	1 Kng 12:21-33	Acts 4:18-31	John 10:31-42
Mon P18 Sept 7	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	1 Kng 13:1-10	Phil 1:1-11	Mark 15:40-47
Tue Sept 8	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	1 Kng 16:23-34	Phil 1:12-30	Mark 16:1-20
Wed Sept 9	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	1 Kng 17:1-24	Phil 2:1-11	Matt 2:1-12
Thur Sept 10	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 66, 67	1 Kng 18:1-19	Phil 2:12-30	Matt 2:13-23
Fri Sept 11	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	1 Kng 18:20-40	Phil 3:1-16	Matt 3:1-12
Sat Sept 12	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	1 Kng 18:41-19:8	Phil 3:17-4:7	Matt 3:13-17
Sun Sept 13	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	1 Kng 19:8-21	Acts 5:34-42	John 11:45-57
Mon P19 Sept 14	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	1 Kng 21:1-16	1 Cor 1:1-19	Matt 4:1-11
Tue Sept 15	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	1 Kng 21:17-29	1 Cor 1:20-31	Matt 4:12-17
Wed Sept 16	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	1 Kng 22:1-28	1 Cor 2:1-13	Matt 4:18-25
Thur Sept 17	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	1 Kng 22:29-45	1 Cor 2:14-3:15	Matt 5:1-10
Fri Sept 18	am: 69 pm: 73	2 Kng 1:2-17	1 Cor 3:16-23	Matt 5:11-16
Sat Sept 19	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	2 Kng 2:1-18	1 Cor 4:1-7	Matt 5:17-20

Sun Sept 20	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	2 Kng 4:8-37	Acts 9:10-31	Luke 3:7-18
Mon P20 Sept 21	am: 80 pm: 77, 19	2 Kng 5:1-19	1 Cor 4:8-21	Matt 5:21-26
Tue Sept 22	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	2 Kng 5:19-27	1 Cor 5:1-8	Matt 5:27-37
Wed Sept 23	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	2 Kng 6:1-23	1 Cor 5:9-6:8	Matt 5:38-48
Thur Sept 24	am: 83 pm: 85, 86	2 Kng 9:1-16	1 Cor 6:12-20	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Fri Sept 25	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	2 Kng 9:17-37	1 Cor 7:1-9	Matt 6:7-15
Sat Sept 26	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	2 Kng 11:1-20a	1 Cor 7:10-24	Matt 6:19-24
Sun Sept 27	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	2 Kng 17:1-18	Acts 9:36-43	Luke 5:1-11
Mon P21 Sept 28	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	2 Kng 17:24-41	1 Cor 7:25-31	Matt 6:25-34
Tue Sept 29	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	2 Ch 29:1-3, 30:1-27	1 Cor 7:32-40	Matt 7:1-12
Wed Sept 30	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	2 Kng 18:9-25	1 Cor 8:1-13	Matt 7:13-21
Thur Oct 1	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	2 Kng 18:28-37	1 Cor 9:1-15	Matt 7:22-29
Fri Oct 2	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	2 Kng 19:1-20	1 Cor 9:16-27	Matt 8:1-17
Sat Oct 3	am: 107:33-43, 108 pm: 33	2 Kng 19:21-36	1 Cor 10:1-13	Matt 8:18-27

your talking points notes...