

**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

**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, in order to begin. We are dangerously low on overnight staff, threatening our November opening.

We will be gathering at Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with our ministry partners to information sharing and to gather our final plans for this Shelter Season.

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:**

**Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:**

Bruce Heller is in Sanatoga Center, room 211. Please send him a card, offer a phone call, drop in to see him, and please pray for his health. Pray for Mark Butler who has just entered treatment, we are seeking family reconciliation.

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:**

**October 18, 2009: Proper 23 (Year B)**

psalm 104.1-9, 24, 35, job 38.1-7, 34-41,

mark 10.35-45, & hebrews 5.1-10

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**Shocking!**  
Or, naked intentions & Saving Grace



**Worship**

psalm 22.1-15

job 23.1-9, 16-17

mark 10.17-31

hebrews 4.12-16

**Benediction**

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



[Service]

## Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Approach With Boldness”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 22.1-15

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Job 23.1-9, 16-17

Focus Film ::

“Trivializing the Gospel”

The Scripture ~

**Shocking!**  
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*"You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words.*

Mark 10. 21—24

This week's Lectionary:  
psalm 22.1-15, job 23.1-9, 16-17,  
mark 10.17-31, & hebrews 4.12-16

Focus Film ::

“Moving Toward Something”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

¥ wealth and following

¥ being tested like Jesus

**Meditation:**

“ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." Mark 10. 29—31

**Reflection:**

Like the rich young ruler in Mark, we have a choice to make: Either we join the ruler in preferring 'business as usual' or we participate in Jesus' liberating attack on Mammon and its oppressive structures. If we side with Jesus, we will find that jubilee practices, poverty, persecution, and fellowship will drastically alter our lives.

—David H. Janzen

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## Psalm 22 1-15

[Worship]

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. 3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. 4 In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. 5 To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. 6 But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. 7 All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; 8 "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver-- let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" 9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. 10 On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. 12 Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; 13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; 15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

### Consider: Peter B. Price

[Words]

"God has undermined my courage....I am plunged back into obscurity by him," complains Job (23:16-17). The psalmist offers a prayer full of rage and complaints against God, accusing God of forsaking, betraying, and failing to help. Bereft, he reveals the physical impact of grief and sense of despair, and finally accuses God of "laying me down in the dust of death" (Psalm 22:15). Such a sense of being lost to God is experienced by many, and one survivor of Auschwitz recalls how he fasted in the camp in order to shame God.

Most of us find such rage and anger against God hard to express. It rarely, if ever, forms part of our worship, except in the rather ersatz

form of the repeated psalm. We are scandalized by such boldness against God; we are often too timid to tell it as it is, fearing some kind of divine thunderbolt because we have dared to challenge God. We need someone to interpret for us.

The writer of Hebrews exhorts readers, "We must hold firm to our profession of faith" (Hebrews 4:14). Such words fall on deaf ears unless they are connected to the reality of suffering. We should hold on to our faith, with all its rage, despair, and confusion; fear of mockery (Psalm 22:7); and sense of futility (Mark 10:28) because "Jesus the Son of God...is not incapable of feeling our weakness with us, but has been put to the test in exactly the same way as we ourselves...apart from sin" (Hebrews 4:14-15).

Jesus is the interpreter of our pain, and challenges our comforts. As the "Word made flesh" (John 1:14), Jesus reveals our schizophrenia and "seeks out the place where soul is divided from spirit or joints from marrow" (Hebrews 4:12). Warning of the danger of riches, Jesus offers the companionship of community (Mark 10:21-22). Jesus invites us from the addictions of consumerism: to renounce the security of home, relationships, and property. By offering a new order of Jubilee, a time of re-distributive justice, he makes possible a world where "first will be last, and the last first" (Mark 10:31).



### Reflection and Action

When have you experienced the despair of Job, or the anger of the psalmist? How did you express it? Where have you discovered Jesus as interpreter of your pain, offering the solace of others and the challenge to live in the spirit of Jubilee?

[Scripture]

## Hebrews 4.12-16

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. 14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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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 Oct 4	am: 118 pm: 145	2 Kng 20:1-21	Acts 12:1-17	Luke 7:11-17
Mon Oct 5	am: 106:1-18 pm: 106:19-48	2 Kng 21:1-18	1 Cor 10:14-11:1	Matt 8:28-34
Tue Oct 6	am: 121, 122, 123 pm: 124, 125, 126	2 Kng 22:1-13	1 Cor 11:2, 17- 22	Matt 9:1-8
Wed Oct 7	am: 119:145-176 pm: 128, 129, 130	2 Kng 22:14-23:3	1 Cor 11:23-34	Matt 9:9-17
Thur Oct 8	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 134, 135	2 Kng 23:4-25	1 Cor 12:1-11	Matt 9:18-26
Fri Oct 9	am: 140, 142 pm: 141, 143	2 Kng 23:36- 24:17	1 Cor 12:12-26	Matt 9:27-34
Sat Oct 10	am: 137, 144 pm: 104	Jer 35:1-19	1 Cor 12:27-13:3	Matt 9:35-10:4
Sun Oct 11	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	Jer 36:1-10	Acts 14:8-18	Luke 7:36-50
Mon Oct 12	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	Jer 36:11-26	1 Cor 13:1-13	Matt 10:5-15
Tue Oct 13	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	Jer 36:27-37:2	1 Cor 14:1-12	Matt 10:16-23
Wed Oct 14	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	Jer 37:3-21	1 Cor 14:13-25	Matt 10:24-33
Thur Oct 15	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	Jer 38:1-13	1 Cor 14:26-33a 37-40	Matt 10:34-42
Fri Oct 16	am: 16, 17 pm: 22	Jer 38:14-28	1 Cor 15:1-11	Matt 11:1-6
Sat Oct 17	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	2 Kng 25:8-12, 22-26	1 Cor 15:12-29	Matt 11:7-15

Sun Oct 18	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	Jer 29:1, 4-14	Acts 16:6-15	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Mon Oct 19	am: 25 pm: 9, 15	Jer 44:1-14	1 Cor 15:30-41	Matt 11:16-24
Tue Oct 20	am: 26, 28 pm: 36, 39	Lam 1:1-12	1 Cor 15:41-50	Matt 11:25-30
Wed Oct 21	am: 38 pm: 119:25-48	Lam 2:8-15	1 Cor 15:51-58	Matt 12:1-14
Thur Oct 22	am: 37:1-18 pm: 37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	1 Cor 16:1-9	Matt 12:15-21
Fri Oct 23	am: 31 pm: 35	Ezra 3:1-13	1 Cor 16:10-24	Matt 12:22-32
Sat Oct 24	am: 30, 32 pm: 42, 43	Ezra 4:7, 11-24	Philemon 1-25	Matt 12:33-42
Sun Oct 25	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	Hag 1:1-2:9	Acts 18:24-19:7	Luke 10:25-37
Mon Oct 26	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	Zech 1:7-17	Rev 1:4-20	Matt 12:43-50
Tue Oct 27	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	Ezra 5:1-17	Rev 4:1-11	Matt 13:1-9
Wed Oct 28	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	Ezra 6:1-22	Rev 5:1-10	Matt 13:10-17
Thur Oct 29	am: 50, 59, 60 pm: 66, 67	Neh 1:1-11	Rev 5:11-6:11	Matt 13:18-23
Fri Oct 30	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	Neh 2:1-20	Rev 6:12-7:4	Matt 13:24-30
Sat Oct 31	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	Neh 4:1-23	am: Rev 7:4-17	Matt 13:31-35

**your talking points notes...**