

**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

**Ministry:**

**The Table**

*Every Wednesday Evening*

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 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

**MAIN Street Shelter**

**On Summer Hiatus Until November**

**Fund raising and shelter cleanup**

**efforts are underway.**

**Norman's Game Night**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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:**

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 25, 2009: Proper 25 (Year B)**

psalm 34.1-8, 19-22, job 42.1-6, 10-17,

mark 10.46-52, & hebrews 7.23-28

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October 18, 2009

**Waters of Delusion**  
**Or, Baptized into High Position?**

**Worship**

psalm 104.1-9, 24, 35

job 38.1-7, 34-41

mark 10. 35-45

hebrews 5.1-10

**Benediction**

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[Service]

## Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“ Psalm 104 ”

Scripture Reading ::

Job 38.1-7, 34-41

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Hebrews 5.1-10

Focus Film ::

“ the Drum Major Instinct ”

The Scripture ~

## Waters of Delusion

Or, Baptized into  
High Position?

Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Mark 10. 35b—39a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 104.1-9, 24, 35, job 38.1-7, 34-41,  
mark 10.35-45, & hebrews 5.1-10

Focus Film ::

“ the Hand that Steadies ”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

¥ power presumptions

¥ service or membership?

¥ a perfect baptism

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### Meditation:

So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10. 42—45

### Reflection:

Though it may be easy to criticize the disciples' actions, it is hardly fair. Jesus' prediction is pretty much beyond the reach of us all. Which is why Mark gives us so many opportunities to identify our own failures to understand and act through those of the disciples. It is why Jesus does not admonish, but continues to try and teach the ways of the kingdom, where membership is based not on favoritism or power but on the ability to serve. — Michaela Bruzzese

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## Psalms 104: 1-9, 24, 35 [Worship]

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, 3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, 4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. 5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. 6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. 7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. 8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. 9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

35c Praise the LORD!

### Consider: Peter B. Price

[Words]

"Man bites dog," runs a famous newspaper headline. It is meant to take our notice because it is a reversal of what we expect. "God hits back" could well have been the headline of tabloid writers following Job's arguments with God. "Who is this obscuring my intentions with his ignorant words? ...I am going to ask the questions, and you are going to inform me!" says God (Job 38:2-3). God searchingly questions Job about the order of creation, the universe, and everything else, concluding with the knockout punchline: "Have you grasped the celestial laws? Could you make their writ run on the Earth?" (Job 38:33). Contemplating the creation, the psalmist is moved to praise, "How countless are your works, Lord; all of them made so wisely!" (Psalm 104:24).

Most of us do not naturally contemplate God. Like the disciples we tend to offer the kind of prayers that ask God "to do us a favor" (Mark 10:35). Status and influence are more to us than spirituality. We find it hard to hear the question that goes alongside true holiness, "Can

you drink the cup that I shall drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I shall be baptized?" (Mark 10:38). Even if like the disciples we answer the question by saying "We can," Jesus reveals that that, in itself, does not guarantee a reward that we can calculate ahead of its being granted.

Serving God demands the same generosity of spirit with which God serves us. God provides a creation that never ceases to amaze because of its fecundity, or the cosmos by its immensity. The same God provides an example in his Son coming "not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). The reward even for Jesus is service: "Christ did not give himself the glory of becoming a high priest, but the one who said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have fathered you'" (Hebrews 5:5).

There is a great paradox here: When we are obedient to God's calling we learn, like Jesus, through suffering (Hebrews 5:8). The reward is service, and to share with Jesus "the source of eternal salvation" (5:9). The last word is always with God!

### Reflection and Action

When have you been forced out of self-obsession into contemplating the wonder of God's universe? Have you ever sensed God asking you questions? What were they? Can you look at any experience of suffering from which you have learned?



[Scripture]

## Hebrews 5.1-10

1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. 4 And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; 6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



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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...**