

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

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

Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for Bro. Ron who is struggling with Coumadin levels that brought him to terrible angina and blood loss this week. Please pray for a complete healing and a story to tell those he faithfully ministers to.

Pray for Mark Butler who has been released from treatment. He is back in the same situation that brought him here and is in need of deliverance. 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:

November 1, 2009: Proper 26 (Year B)

psalm 146, ruth 1.1-18,

mark 12.28-34, & hebrews 9.11-14

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Legally Blind

Or, Seeing the Forest
for the Trees

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Worship

psalm 34.1-8,19-22

job 42.1-6, 10-17

mark 10.46-52

hebrews 7.23-28

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“ Psalm 34 ”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 34.19-22

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Job 42.1-6, 10-17

Focus Film ::

“ Healing the Blind Man ”

The Scripture ~

Legally Blind Or, Seeing the Forest for the Trees

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."
Mark 10. 47b—52a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 34.1-8, 19-22, job 42.1-6, 10-17,
mark 10.46-52, & hebrews 7.23-28

Focus Film ::

“ Can You See? ”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✚ what can I do for you?

✚ I can hear you, but can't see you

✚ faithful healthcare

Meditation:

*'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.
Job 42. 3—6*

Reflection:

"The God of Job listens and responds, like the most loving parent who recognizes through a tantrum a child who needs to be held. A human heart that has poured out its anguish can receive an in-filling reminder that we are not God, but that we are deeply loved. The final chapters of the book of Job, especially chapters 38 through 41, poetically and firmly put things in proper perspective. We don't get explanations; we get held and loved, cradled and consoled. This is the basis of our hope: God is out there somewhere and is all-encompassing and in charge." — Elaine V. Emeth

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Psalms 34. 1-8, 9-22

[Worship]

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. 6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. 20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. 21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. 22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Consider: Peter B. Price

[Words]

What a difference it makes how we answer the same question! On their journey to Jerusalem, Jesus asks the squabbling disciples, "What do you want me to do for you?" They answer him, "Grant us to sit on your right and left hand" (Mark 10:36-37). A few days later, Jesus is accosted with the shouts of the discriminated against, disenfranchised blind beggar, Bartimaeus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks him, and he replies, "Teacher, let me see again" (Mark 10:51).

Jesus cannot answer the request of the disciples, because they are seeking self-aggrandizement and the power that goes with it. Jesus can help Bartimaeus, on the other hand, because he understands the true nature of his condition: He is blind.

One of the "last" has become "first," and those who might reasonably have thought themselves first—we who "have left everything and followed"—have become "last." The writer to the

Hebrews draws a distinction between those called to high office in the church who are subject to weakness, and the Lord, who has real "power to save those who come to God through him who is absolute, since he lives forever to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

In a world whose values are almost permanently topsy-turvy, people with integrity, uncontaminated by the self-seeking of the world, are usually the disregarded, the discriminated against. To choose to live life in the way of God, despite the worst the systems can throw at us, requires opened eyes. It calls for us to move beyond the simplistic condemnation and blaming of God that so often mark discipleship under pressure. Like Job we need to confess that we have so often been those "who misrepresented your intentions with ignorant words" (Job 42:3), and recognize with the psalmist that "though hardships without number beset the upright, the Lord rescues...from them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Reflection and Action


If Jesus were to ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" how would you answer? How have you "misrepresented God's intentions with ignorant words"? Where have you discovered God rescuing from hardships?



[Scripture]

Hebrews 7.23-28

23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.



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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...