

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

Is discontinued until Spring 2010

Washington & Chestnut Sts.

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

Begins Next Week, December 1st

Fund raising and shelter cleanup efforts are still needed, along with many volunteering opportunities.

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 in one week and we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and storage, in order to begin. We are dangerously low on overnight staff. We are scheduled to open December 1st.

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 our friends in Lower-Bucks County, who are beginning to shelter their suburban homeless friends this winter.

Remember Francis for health concerns; congestive heart failure, and the ability to quit smoking; Helen's knees and her ability to continue to come to Tabernacle; unemployment of many of our friends; Ron's daughter during a difficult pregnancy; and Norman's understanding of his health problems.

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

Please, also keep all of us in prayers; 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 29, 2009: Advent 1 (Year C)

psalm 25.1-10, jeremiah 33.14-16,

luke 21.25-36, & 1 thessalonians 3.9-13

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Politics & Kingdom
Or, witnessing the End
Of Power

Worship
psalm 132.1-12
2 samuel 23.1-7
john 18.33-37
revelation 1.4b-8
Benediction

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Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House

[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Reign of Christ”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalms 132.1-12

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

2 Samuel 23.1-7

Focus Film ::

“God’s Memories”

The Scripture ~

Politics & Kingdom Or, witnessing the End Of Power

Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

John 15. 33b—36

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 132.1-12, 2 samuel 23.1-7,
john 18.33-37, & revelation 1.4b-8

Focus Film ::

“Table Benediction”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

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

✚ what is truth?

✚ Kings and clothing

✚ royalty at the table

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Meditation:
Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1. 7—8

Reflection:

"The week before Advent, the season that celebrates the beginning of Jesus' story, here we are reading about its culmination. It is almost as if the cycles of the liturgical season reflect the words from our Revelation reading tonight. "I am the Alpha and the Omega,.. Jesus is at once the babe soon to arrive in the manger and the crucified redeemer of the world."

Our reading in John, ends with the enigmatic, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice"—or as the Jerusalem Bible renders it, "all who are on the side of truth." What does it mean to "belong to the truth"?

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Psalm 132.1-12

[Worship]

1 O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured; 2 how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, 3 "I will not enter my house or get into my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, 5 until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." 6 We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. 7 "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool." 8 Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. 10 For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one. 11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. 12 If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

"I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

"But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

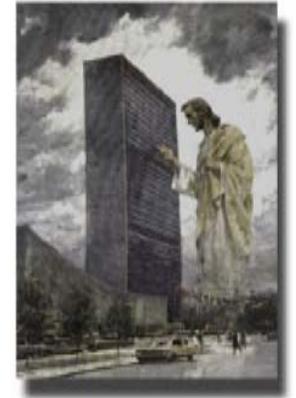
Daniel 7.13-14 & 26-27

Consider:

[Words]

An Everlasting Dominio—Eschatological themes again dominate the readings in this, the celebration of Christ the King, which also marks the end of our liturgical year. The true king shall liberate his people and reign forever. In a recent article, freelance writer Michaela Bruzzese, calls us to be "beatitude kings" who imitate Jesus as leaders for justice and mercy. Remember, kingship, for Jesus, was the opposite of what it is considered today; it is not a hierarchy of privilege, but an upside-down kingdom of justice and mercy; a transformative love that brings new life to all. Remember, earlier in Mark, Jesus fled the crowds because they wanted to try and make him a traditional king, not a beatitude king.

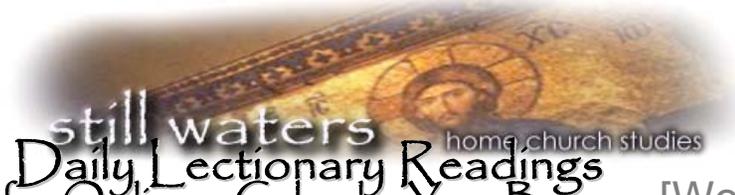
Imagine, what would a conversation between Jesus and our government look like, and how do you fulfill your role as a beatitude king and priest? The path for such leaders promises to be difficult, but we can have confidence because, as Revelation tells us, Jesus is at the beginning and the end of our story.



[Scripture]

John 18.33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



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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.*

All Saints Nov 1	am: 111, 112 pm: 148, 150	Neh 4:1-23	am: Heb 11:32-12:2 pm: Rev 21:1-4, 22-22:5	
Sun Nov 1	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	Neh 5:1-19	Acts 20:7-12	Luke 12:22-31
Mon P26 Nov 2	am: 56, 57, 58 pm: 64, 65	Neh 6:1-19	Rev 10:1-11 pm: Rev 19:1-10	Matt 13:36-43
Tue Nov 3	am: 61, 62 pm: 68	Neh 12:27-31a, 42b-47	Rev 11:1-19	Matt 13:44-52
Wed Nov 4	am: 72 pm: 119:73-96	Neh 13:4-22	Rev 12:1-12	Matt 13:53-58
Thur Nov 5	am: 70, 71 pm: 74	Ezra 7:1-16	Rev 14:1-13	Matt 14:1-12
Fri Nov 6	am: 69 pm: 73	Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36	Rev 15:1-18	Matt 14:13-21
Sat Nov 7	am: 75, 76 pm: 23, 27	Ezra 9:1-15	Rev 17:1-14	Matt 14:22-36
Sun Nov 8	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	Ezra 10:1-17	Acts 24:10-21	Luke 14:12-24
Mon P27 Nov 9	am: 80 pm: 77, 19	Neh 9:1-15	Rev 18:1-8	Matt 15:1-20
Tue Nov 10	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	Neh 9:26-38	Rev 18:9-20	Matt 15:21-28
Wed Nov 11	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	Neh 7:73b-8:3, 5- 18	Rev 18:21-24	Matt 15:29-39
Thur Nov 12	am: 83 pm: 85, 86	1 Chron 10:1-14	Rev 19:1-10	Matt 16:1-12
Fri Nov 13	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	1 Chron 11:1-25	Rev 19:11-16	Matt 16:13-20
Sat Nov 14	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	1 Chron 13:1-14	Rev 20:1-6	Matt 16:21-28

Sun Nov 15	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	1 Chron 14:1-17	Acts 28:14b-23	Luke 16:1-13
Mon P28 Nov 16	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	1 Chron 15:1-29	Rev 20:7-15	Matt 17:1-13
Tue Nov 17	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	1 Chron 16:7-36	Rev 21:1-8	Matt 17:14-21
Wed Nov 18	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	1 Chron 20:1-8	Rev 21:9-21	Matt 17:22-27
Thur Nov 19	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	1 Chron 21:1-27	Rev 21:22-22:5	Matt 18:1-9
Fri Nov 20	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	1 Chron 22:1-19	Rev 22:6-13	Matt 18:10-20
Sat Nov 21	am: 107:33-43, 108 pm: 33	Isa 65:17-25	Rev 22:14-21	Matt 18:21-35
Sun Nov 22	am: 118 pm: 145	Isa 19:19-25	Rom 15:5-13	Luke 19:11-27
Mon P29 Nov 23	am: 106:1-18 pm: 106:19-48	Joel 3:1-2, 9-17	1 Pet 1:1-12	Matt 19:1-12
Tue Nov 24	am: 121, 122, 123 pm: 124, 125, 126	Nahum 1:1-13	1 Pet 1:13-25	Matt 19:13-22
Wed Nov 25	am: 119:145-176 pm: 128, 129, 130	Obad 15-21	1 Pet 2:1-10	Matt 19:23-30
Thur Nov 26	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 134, 135	Zeph 3:1-13	1 Pet 2:11-25	Matt 20:1-16
Fri Nov 27	am: 140, 142 pm: 141, 143	Isa 24:14-23	1 Pet 3:13-4:6	Matt 20:17-28
Sat Nov 28	am: 137, 144 pm: 104	Mic 7:11-20	1 Pet 4:7-19	Matt 20:29-34

your talking points notes...