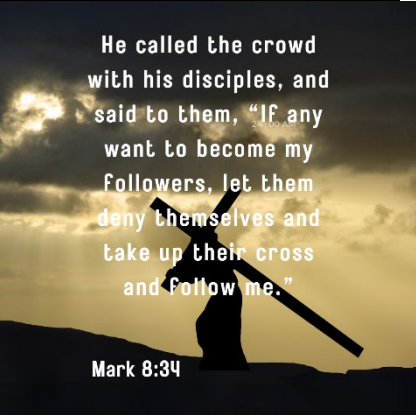


St. Luke's Episcopal Church Ada, OK

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

September 15, 2024 9:00am



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."

Mark 8:34

Our Mission: To live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Prelude: *Prelude on "They Cast Their Nets in Galilee"* by Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: #686 *Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Opening Acclamation: Page 355 BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria: *S-280 Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone, are the Lord,
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us Pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Proverbs 1:20-33

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”
The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 91

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just

- and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle

James 3:1-12

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the

Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Gradual Hymn: *#636 How Firm a Foundation (1-3/4-5)*

The Gospel **Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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.

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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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.”

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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon **The Rev. Mike Stephenson**

The Nicene Creed Page 358 BCP

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven:

By the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate'

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People: Form VI, BCP Page 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Daniel, Bishop of Uruguay; Mike our Supply Priest and Bobby and Robert, our Deacons, and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma, especially St. Peter's, Coalgate; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Grove and Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families (CAIF) Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, Diocese of Uruguay; and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

For those serving our country at home or abroad:

McKinley Noel

Eli Walling

Paige Perkinson

Kait & Collin Rivers

We also pray for our veterans, especially for those still struggling with wartime wounds, let them feel your comfort and healing grace.

For those who are in hospitals and others who need healing:

Robert Martinez	Michael Hughes	Jack White	Laura Beth Thompson
Jeanna McQuay	April Nesbit	Judy Coy	Lynne & Harold Cline
River Northcutt	Lisa Ainsworth	Velta	Sandy & Kenny Phillips
Libby Thomas	Renee Hogue	Tonya Dyer	Richard Blaylock
Yvonne Carver	Jim Lasley	Rusty Hall	Salyer Roebuck
Lindsay McDonald	Melinda & Evelyn Morgan		

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Rob & Linda Newcomer, Michael, Sky, & Kaylyn Pennza, Fred & Mary Pfeffer, and Mike & Starla Hibler Raley.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Bruce Jones and Dustin Sheppard.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. The altar flowers are given by Stephen Schmelling & Carlotta Lockmiller in memory of the life of Elizabeth Schmelling. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Fr. Everett Lees and his grieving family, friends, and parish, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

Deacon: Let us confess our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable collect.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: ***And also with you.***

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361 BCP

Offertory

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshiping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God’s generosity. Many support St. Luke’s through pledged offerings made via mail or online through Tithe.ly. Together our gifts make possible for us to live fully into our mission of to live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Offertory Hymn: #493 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Doxology: Sung to the tune of hymn #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him/God all creatures here below.
Praise Him/God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns: #336 *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*
#343 *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #473 *Lift High the Cross*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: *Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray* Arr. by Joseph Herl

Serving Today:

Officiant: The Rev. Mike Stephenson

Deacons: Rev. Robert Willis & Rev. Bobby Saunkeah

Lector: Michael Riden

Organist: Farren Rowan

Acolyte: Lili Saunkeah

Ushers: Shirley Mixon & Christine Pappas

Altar Guild: Johnnie Caufield

