

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – BEING THE GOOD NEWS BY PROMOTING GOD'S HOSPITALITY**

*This week's readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Gospel Luke 16:19-31*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

**Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead:** At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

**Living the Gospel – Paying attention:** It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

**Scriptural context – Gates:** The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

**Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Response to the Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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*Being the Good News ...*

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**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm  
Sunday – 8:30am & 10:30am

**WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:**  
**Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am**

Rosary prayed after Weekday Mass  
times as listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION  
Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed  
for Adoration Wednesday  
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS**

By appointment and  
six months (6) notice, please.  
*(This helps with the planning of both  
celebrations and Parents usually know  
nine months in advance when their  
baby is to be born).*

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**Prayer to Saint Luke  
the Evangelist**

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to  
reveal by his preaching and writings the  
mystery of your love for the poor, grant  
that those who already glory in your  
name may persevere as one heart and  
one soul and that all nations may merit  
to see your salvation. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians,  
surgeons, students and butchers.*

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this weekend all who are sick, especially Gerald Chia, Bernardine O'Meara, M<sup>à</sup>e, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Vicki Bowes, Jim Maguire, Keith Yelland, Jim Grant, Nadia Tarquino, Elaine Chapman and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For Basil Kalka, Damien Kennedy and Wendy Johnson who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Jerome, priest, doctor; **Tuesday:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor; **Wednesday:** The Holy Guardian Angels; **Friday:** St Francis of Assisi; **Saturday:** Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer for use in Masses for Various Needs IV. Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1.

**MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS** occurs this Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am @ 13-25 Strabane Avenue Mont Albert North Vic 3129. **Parishioners are welcome**, please sign in at the Reception Desk on your way through to where Mass is celebrated.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, where as you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26) When God created the world God declared that it was good and God gave it to all humankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we hear that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again this Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**DISCERNING WHO THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE)**

**WILL BE + FIVE EX OFFICIO** (by virtue of one's position or status) =

**12 PARISHIONERS IN TOTAL:** We now move into the formal **DISCERNMENT** phase and we are all invited to PRAY to determine 'is God calling you to share your gifts and talents as a member of the next Parish Pastoral Council to build the faith community of St Luke the Evangelist?' **All Parishioners are invited to gather with the Steering Committee on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment Gathering.** Please refer to the supplement this weekend for more details.

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH FEAST DAY** will occur this year on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will have our usual 10.30am morning Mass then a Parish BBQ lunch to follow. It will be the end of **BOOK WEEK** in our Parish Primary School so you may see some of our Students in 'Book Character' at Mass and/or at our Parish BBQ. Mrs. **Liz Sullivan**, our new Parish Primary School Principal, will be coming too. All Parishioners are invited. A Jumping Castle will be available for all the chronologically Young Parishioners present.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, BOX HILL CONFERENCE** - our conference is this year celebrating 80 years of service to the local community. A celebration Mass and morning tea will be held on Sunday 6 October at 10.15am at St Francis Xavier's Church, cnr Dorking and Whitehorse Roads Box Hill. We warmly invite any past conference members or the family of deceased members to join us. RSVP: by 30/9/19 to Kathy Sakowski - email: [kmmsakowski@gmail.com](mailto:kmmsakowski@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'**. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at: [bit.ly/socialjusticeshop](http://bit.ly/socialjusticeshop) Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @JusticeCatholic (Please take flier from Church Foyer notice table).

**WHAT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH?** In 2019, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis announced that October will be an Extraordinary Missionary Month. He encourages us to live out joyfully our responsibility for the world. To honour the extraordinary nature of this celebration, **Catholic Mission** has planned some events to engage as wide an audience as possible. **The Theme:** For the Extraordinary Missionary Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme **'Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World'**. Awakening the awareness of the *missio ad gentes*, and reinvigorating the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in *Maximum Illud* with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church" (EG 15). **How to Live Your Own Extraordinary Missionary Month:** There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019: **1.** A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer; **2.** Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world; **3.** Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological; **4.** Missionary charity. (Please take flier from Church Foyer notice table).

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS** who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>5 AND 6 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Monica Hodder	Ian Holmes
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Beryl Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon	Natalie Kilroe-Smith

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>5 AND 6 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mia Perang	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Darren McLean	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Dale Dixon	Jess Kilroe-Smith

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>5 AND 6 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly	Mary Taranto

### SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>5 AND 6 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Liliana Poropat	Megan & Darren McLean
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**28 SEPT 2019**  
Engelina & John Nyhuis  
**5 OCT 2019**  
Val Wells & Marie Parker

### CHURCH CLEANING

**5 OCT 2019**  
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)  
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,  
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

### MAINTENANCE

**5 OCTOBER 2019**  
Team 1  
Bob Dimmattina &  
Steve Kilroe-Smith

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** invites you to enroll in its course, Master of Education and Theology. For more information, please see our Church noticeboard.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Study Tour of the Biblical Lands** 14 November – 7 December 2020 Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories and Greece and option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM. **Information Session: Saturday 19 October 2019: 2.00pm to 4.00pm.** RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

**THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 9.00am – 3.00pm in the Convent Grounds at 154 Cotham road Kew. This year all the proceeds raised will be forwarded to Sister Veneranda Myuku of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity, working at the **IKOMBO EPILEPTIC CENTRE** for the poor in the Mahenge Diocese of Tanzania. Enquiries please phone 9817 3715. See poster on our Church notice-board.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Discovering Global Mission - How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. Learn of Melbourne teacher **Kathy Brick's** experience mentoring local educators at schools in Samoa and South Africa, and how **sharing your skills** can **immerse you** in a **world of deep cultural discovery**. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. **Discover Palms: Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am Jenny Florence Room Ross House 247-251 Flinders Lane MELBOURNE** Call Palms now on **02 9560 5333** or see [palms.org.au/assignments-abroad](http://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad) See poster on our Church notice-board.

**JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO:** This week on the Journey, Fr Graham reflects on the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31. "God sees all" as Mother Hilda talks about 'God the Glassmaker', Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, encourages us with 'Reading as Prayer', and Trish McCarthy reminds us about "Mealtimes with Jesus". Our music this week is on point with our God spots. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email.

**CELEBRATE LIFE CONCERT WITH CATHOLIC ARTISTS** an at 7.30 pm on 11th October 2019 with Fr David Lemewu & Georga Byrne & Alyssa Agius who's song hit 5th on the charts of Australian Christian music, they also sing at catholic youth festivals and there will be other acts and dances including scenes from the COG theatre group's musicals. A not for profit fundraiser. Limited tickets are sold at half price, only \$12. Don't miss out on this special, to be entertained by talented christian artists. For more info [www.trybooking.com/BEVLD](http://www.trybooking.com/BEVLD) [cogtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatre@gmail.com) or telephone 0413398528 [www.callofguadalupe.com](http://www.callofguadalupe.com) For more details please see Church noticeboard.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate information and resources can be found online at: [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org)

**SAFETY STATEMENT:** We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

## Parish Groups & Contacts

*by ... Promoting God's Hospitality*

**Lectors, Welcomers, Collectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, & Rosters**

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**Children's Liturgy Group**

Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

**Stewardship Counters**

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

**Pastoral Council & Child Safety Officer**

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

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Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

**Whitehorse Deanery**

**Finance Committee**

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

**Hall Hire**

Sonya O'Farrell @ the Parish Office - 9877 2292

**Care Group & Gardens**

Judy Noy - 9894 1506

**Church Sacristan**

Greg Grant - 0401 644 474

**Church Linen**

Toni Plevier

**Church Cleaning & Flowers**  
Megan McLean - 0419 347 693

**Parish Garden Maintenance**  
T.B.A.

**Holy Communion to the housebound**

**Emmaus College**

**Education Board Parish Reps**

Maureen Mac Mahon & Bernard O'Malley

**Parish & School Choirs**

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Marg Yore & Kat Bergin  
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**Parish and School Fete Committee**

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

**Parish School**

**Education Advisory Board**

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

**Parish School**

**Parents' Association**

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

**St Vincent de Paul Conference**

For Assistance: 1800 305 330  
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

**Parish Contact:** Margaret Gearon

**RECRUITMENT NOTICE:**

*These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?*



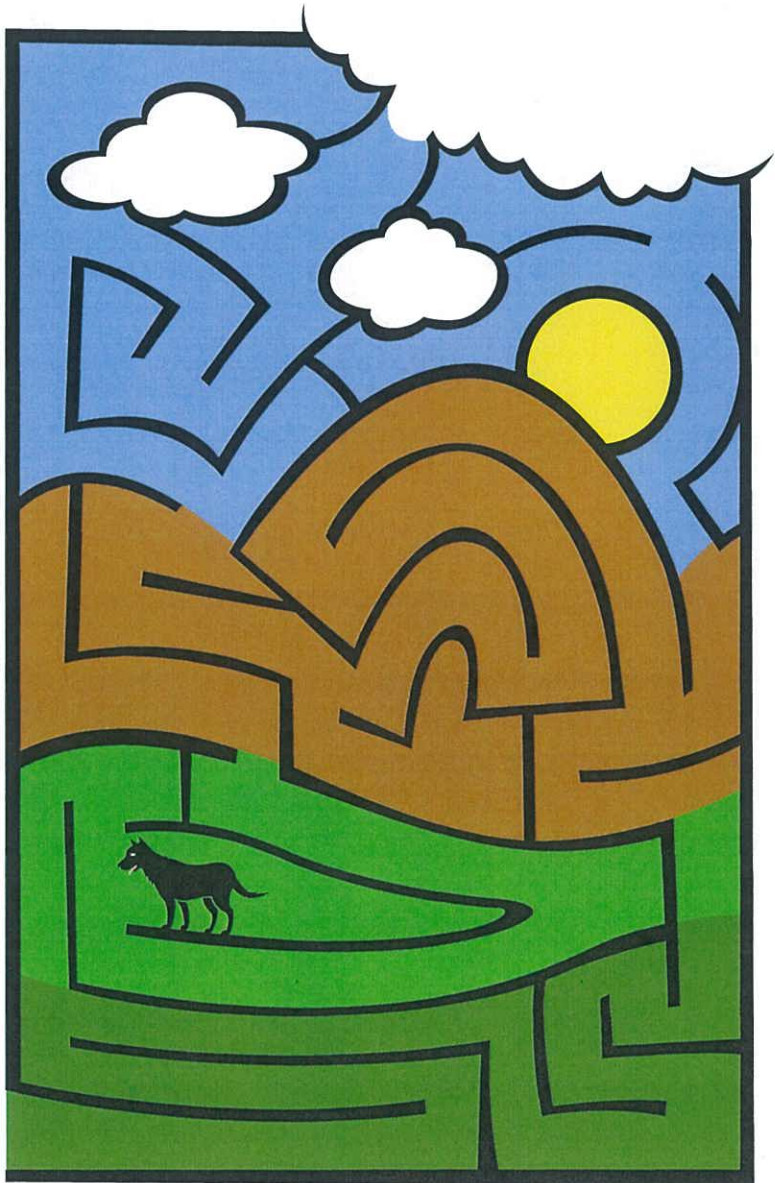
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

What happened to the rich man when he died?

What should the rich man have done while he was still living on earth?



Jesus wants us to listen to him. In what ways can we listen to God? Draw yourself listening to God.



Help the angels  
take Lazarus  
up to heaven.



# An Excerpt from Discernment by Henri Nouwen

*Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life: Book by Henri Nouwen June 2013*

“We ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord.” —  
Colossians 1:9–10 NRSV

Discernment is a spiritual understanding and an experiential knowledge of how God is active in daily life that is acquired through disciplined spiritual practice.

Discernment is faithful living and listening to God’s love and direction so that we can fulfill our individual calling and shared mission.

Definitions are a good place to begin, but let me sketch out some of the core affirmations and practices necessary to discernment. When I was living in a Trappist monastery as a temporary monk, seeking to discern whether I was called to live the contemplative life or a more active life of teaching and ministry, I remember walking through a building where I hadn’t been before. I came across a reproduction of Hazard Durfee’s beautiful painting *The Flute Player* framed with an old but familiar text by Henry David Thoreau:

“Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed, and in such desperate enterprises? If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”

As I studied the quiet, concentrated face of Durfee’s musician, I realized that discernment is like hearing a different drummer. I remembered that one of the books about Thomas Merton is called *A Different Drummer*. Merton stepped away from the active, academic life and chose a contemplative life. I wondered if I was called to make that kind of move myself.

When I reflected on *The Flute Player*, I knew myself as restless and searching. I felt I was stumbling over my own compulsions and illusions way too often. During my

time at Genesee, I began to understand that when we listen to the Spirit, we hear a deeper sound, a different beat. The great movement of the spiritual life is from a deaf, nonhearing life to a life of listening. From a life in which we experience ourselves as separated, isolated, and lonely to a life in which we hear the guiding and healing voice of God, who is with us and will never leave us alone. The many activities in which we are involved, the many concerns that occupy our time, the many sounds that surround us make it hard for us to hear the “still, small voice” through which God’s presence and will are made known (1 Kings 19:12).

Living a spiritually mature life requires listening to God’s voice within and among us. The great news of God’s revelation is not simply that “I am,” but also that God is actively present in the moments of our lives at all times and places. Our God is a God who cares, heals, guides, directs, challenges, confronts, corrects. To discern means first of all to listen to God, to pay attention to God’s active presence, and to obey God’s prompting, direction, leadings, and guidance.

I stepped away from my teaching to slow down for a time in intentional community. It was hard for me to see God at work in my life when I was running from class to class and traveling from place to place. I had so many classes to prepare, lectures to give, articles to finish, people to meet that I had come quite close to believing myself indispensable. Still I was frightened of being alone and having an unscheduled day, even as I longed for solitude and rest. I was full of paradoxes.

When we are spiritually deaf, we are not aware that anything important is happening in our lives. We keep running away from the present moment, and we try to create experiences that make our lives worthwhile. So we fill up our time to avoid the emptiness we otherwise would feel. When we are truly listening, we come to know that God is speaking to us, pointing the way, showing the direction. We simply need to learn to keep our ears open. Discernment is a life of listening to a deeper sound and marching to a different beat, a life in which we become “all ears.”