

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Sept. 08, 2019 10:30 AM Worship

The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Welcome to

St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



An Affirming Church

Worship Notes

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants. Although you may be new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service, including suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel; when it would be appropriate to “cross” oneself, etc. However, these are only suggestions and we don’t expect anyone to do anything they’re not comfortable doing or incapable of doing.

Additionally, the responses which the congregation makes are shown in bold text. And in case you were wondering, this symbol **✝** is placed in the worship booklet at places where it would be appropriate to make the sign of the Cross. Finally, this little bell icon **🔔** serves to remind the Acolyte when to ring the Sanctus Bells, which are used during the Eucharistic Prayer to emphasize and call attention to particular moments in the liturgy; this practice dates from the 15th century.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don't hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also v i s i t o u r w e b s i t e : www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org

Childcare is provided from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we're glad you've joined us for worship! While you're waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thanks!

Music Notes

Our processional hymn today was written in response to the 1904-1905 Welsh Revival, the largest twentieth-century Christian revival in Wales. The form in which we sing it was developed for the inauguration of the organ at Capel Rhondda in 1907, after which the tune name became Cwm Rhondda. Based on a text related to Isaiah 58:11, the hymn is now a part of the canon of Christian hymnody. The Welsh are noted for their enthusiastic singing of hymns, as reflected still today in the USA by the

impressive Welsh hymn festivals in cities with a significant Welsh heritage. Sing heartily during our processional hymn, before which we will have heard a set of organ variations composed by a prolific American composer, now age 86 and living near Austin, TX.

Organ Prelude

Variations on “Cwm Rhondda”
– Hal Hopson

The People may stand, as they are able, or remain seated.

Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.

The Opening Acclamation *BCP 355*

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts 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.

“Glory to God” – *Lance Massey*

Priest Glory to God in the highest,

People 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.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our
hearts; for, as you always resist the proud
who confide in their own strength, so you never
forsake those who make their boast of your
mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People may be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

JEREMIAH 18: 1-11

A reading from The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant

it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17

Setting: S-410



1. Lord, you have searched me out and |
known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from a-|far.
2. You trace my journeys and my |
resting-places
and are acquainted with all my | ways.
3. Indeed, there is not a word on my |lips,
but you, O Lord, know it alto-|gether.
4. You press upon me behind and be- | fore
and lay your hand up-| on me.
5. Such knowledge is too | wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at-|tain to it.

13. I will thank you because I am
marvelously | made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it
| well.
14. My body was not | hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven
in the depths of the | earth.
15. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished
in the womb; all of them were written in your
| book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was | none of them.
16. How deep I find your thoughts, O | God!
how great is the | sum of them!
17. If I were to count them, they would be more
in number than the | sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to
be like | yours.

PHILEMON 1-21

A reading from The Letter to the Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy
our brother; To Philemon our dear friend
and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church
in your house: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I
always thank my God because I hear of your

love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing

this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People may stand, as they are able, or remain seated.

Hymn 675, vv. 1-4

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

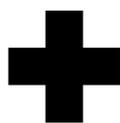
Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:

it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

LUKE 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.



Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can

become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 675, v. 5

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

The Sermon

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the People may be seated for the sermon.

Following the sermon, a few moments of silent reflection are observed.

Afterwards, the People may stand, as they are able, or remain seated.

The Nicene Creed *BCP 358*

Let us reaffirm our faith.

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.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

The Prayers of the People *BCP 387*

Intercessor: “The Prayers of the People are taken from Form 3, which is found on page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer.”

Let us pray.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the ✝ departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing,
especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have died,
especially [*Names*]; and any others we
might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed
Forces, especially [*Names*]; and any
others we might name in our hearts or
aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially
[*Names*]; and any others we might
name in our hearts or aloud.

In the St. Andrew's Cycle of Prayer, we
pray for: those who care for our Gardens
& Grounds, led by Joe Rovig, Junior
Warden; our Greeters and Ushers,
organized by the weekly Vestry Person
of the Day; our Hospitality and Parish
Life committee, led by Anne Bowen; and
for our Lay Readers, led by Joan
McKeever.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray
for: Holland Hall School in Tulsa,
Casady School in Oklahoma City and
Oak Hall School in Ardmore.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for
the Province of the Episcopal Church of
Sudan. The Most Rev'd Ezekiel Kumir

Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum.

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life:

We join in thanksgiving with [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, if you wish, you may place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed are added to the clergy discretionary fund.

The Minister concludes with the following collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

Afterwards, the People may stand, as they are able, or remain seated.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Afterwards they may be seated.

Greetings & Announcements

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his
Name'
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Organ Anthem

I Am the Vine
– Mark Bender

I am the vine, you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in him, he will
bear much fruit.

Apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Afterwards, the People may stand, as they are able, or remain seated.

The Presentation of Our Alms & Oblations

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving *BCP 361*
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and
praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth; For you are the source of light and life,
you made us in your image, and called us to
new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of you glory;
Hosanna in the highest.

✝ Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

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. ρ

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.” ρ ρ
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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.” ρ ρ ρ

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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! p

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

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

& "Lamb of God" – *Lance Massey*

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest Lamb of God,
People you take away the sins of the
world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the
world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the
world; Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

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 of the People

- ❖ *All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.*
- ❖ *To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.*
- ❖ *To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.*

- ❖ *If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.*
- ❖ *If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.*
- ❖ *Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that is difficult to remove.*

Communion Anthem

O my God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy
- Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy.
Blot out my transgressions; Cleanse my sin.
O God, bestow Thy love.
Hear me, restore me, forgive me, uphold me;
Restore the joy.
From all my sins, O hide Thy face.
O hear me. I cry to Thee.
Hear Thou my prayer.
Cast me not away. Take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me.
Open Thou my lips, my mouth shall show
forth Thy praise.

-- from Psalm 51

Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

Sending the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the Name of God, we send you forth
bearing these holy gifts, that those to
whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ's Body and
Blood; for though we are many, we
share one Bread and one Cup. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *BCP 366*

Let us pray.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

The Dismissal

Grant, O Lord God, that what we have
heard with our ears, and said and sung
with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,
and practice in our lives; for Jesus Christ's
sake. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Prelude on :Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
– J. Wayne Kerr

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Jeremiah 18:1–11

In our Hebrew scripture lesson the prophet puts forth an allegory for God's dealings with Jerusalem and Judah: it is like the hands of a potter working with clay. Just as the potter may be working with a ruined piece of clay turning on a wheel, so the potter may transform the clay into a thing of grace and beauty. The Lord is the potter, and the house of Israel the clay. Should the people amend their ways, it is within God's power to bring about a restoration and to shape them once more into a worthy vessel.

Psalms 139:1–5, 13–17

With marvelous wisdom God alone perceives the heights and depths of life.

Philemon 1–21

This reading contains most of the letter that Paul sent to Philemon asking that he receive back in love the runaway slave Onesimus,

who was voluntarily returning to him. Other information indicates that Philemon and Onesimus came from the community of the Colossians. Paul himself is now in prison, perhaps in Rome. Onesimus means "the useful one," and Paul describes him as a man who has now become very useful. Evidently he had recently been converted to Christ. Paul does not speak against the institution of slavery, but tells Philemon that his relationship with Onesimus is changed now that they are brothers in Christ.

Luke 14:25–33

In our gospel Jesus speaks of the necessity of counting the full cost of discipleship. To follow Jesus in the way of the cross means to surrender the whole of one's life. Any relationship which interferes with this primary commitment must be hated. Jesus tells the crowds two stories to make them consider carefully whether they are ready and able to follow him completely.