

Luke 9:51-62 (translation by Rex Duke, Australia)

Third Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

Actors: Jesus, Narrator, James/John, Followers 1,2,3

Narrator:

Let us now listen to a story from our religious tradition.

Luke tells it like this:

Jesus and some others set out on the road for Jerusalem.

Some went on ahead into a Samaritan village to make preparations,

but the people would not receive Jesus because he was making for Jerusalem.

Seeing this, the disciples James and John said,

James & John:

Do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?'

Narrator:

But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

Jesus: [*look at James/John and shake head and finger.*]

Narrator:

And they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met someone on the road who said to Jesus,

Follower 1:

I will follow you wherever you go.

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus:

Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but I have nowhere to lay my head.'

Narrator: To another Jesus said,

Jesus: Follow me!

Narrator: This one replied,

Follower 2: Let me go and bury my parents first.

Narrator: But Jesus answered,

Jesus:

Leave the dead to bury the dead.

Your duty is to go and spread the news of the realm of God.'

Narrator: Another said,

Follower 3:

I will follow you.

But first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.

Narrator: Jesus said:

Jesus:

Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the realm of God.

Narrator: This is the end of Luke's story.

May God bless our hearing with understanding.