

The Second to Last Sunday of Epiphany



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A HOLY COMMON PLACE

OUR MISSION

To follow Jesus in making disciples for the flourishing of Portland, the Pacific Northwest, and the world.

OUR CORE VALUES



GOSPEL OF GRACE



FORMATIVE RHYTHMS



FAITHFUL PRESENCE



EXTENDED FAMILY

QUOTES FOR REFLECTION

MICHAEL REEVES, *DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY*

What we love and enjoy is foundationally important. It is far more significant than our outward behavior, for it is our desires that drive our behavior. We do what we want. The Father, Son and Spirit love and enjoy each other and, created in their image, we were made to love and enjoy them. Blindly and foolishly, though, we have all turned to love and enjoy other things—things that in reality are completely unable to satisfy. But the Spirit's first work is to set our desires in order, to open our eyes and give us the Father's own relish for the Son, and the Son's own enjoyment of the Father.

The Spirit is not like some divine milkman, leaving the gift of "life" on our doorsteps only to move on. In giving us life he comes in to be with us and remain with us. Having once given life, then, he does not move on; he stays to make that life blossom and grow.

N.T. WRIGHT, *JOHN FOR EVERYONE*

Now at last we see how it is that 'the advocate' is also 'the comforter'. Because the holy spirit will do all these things, those who suffer persecution and hatred for the name of Jesus can trust that the judge of all the earth will do what is right. But, at the same time, all this comes as a challenge. How will the spirit do it? Will it not be, at least in part, through the people in whom 'the helper' comes to live? Will it not, at least in part, be through their speaking out, under the spirit's guidance, on behalf of those suffering injustice and oppression?

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

**The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.**

Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

**Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.**

The Lord has shown forth his glory;
O come, let us adore him!

Let us pray

SONGS OF PRAISE

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Traditional Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne; vestified Eleanor
H. Hull

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Daniel Iverson 1935. Renewed 1963
Birdwing Music EMI Christian Music
Publishing

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:26-16:21

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bryan Buck: Our Family Counselor
Sermon Series: Extended Family

NOTES

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder,
We offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy.
Receive them with our gratitude,
that through us all people may know
the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONLY YOU

You have known my every situation
And your goodness sustains me Lord
I will bow in humble expectation
Of your presence in the storm

Yes there will be trial and tribulation
And you'll grant me breath to persevere
May my heart beat in pure anticipation
Of the day you'll dry these tears

Only you have set the earth on its foundation
Only you give orders to the dawn
Only you can know the depths of every ocean
Only you deserve our song

Lord you are the thunder to my whisper
Yes your greatness knows no bounds
All these things too wonderful to speak of
Fill my soul with a heavenly sound

Only you have set the earth on its foundation
Only you give orders to the dawn
Only you can know the depths of every ocean
Only you deserve our song

Only you have torn the cover off the darkness
You expose the evils of the night
Only you reveal your glory to the humble
Only you are clothed in light

Here I am in the valley of decision
I know you hear me when I call
I repent of my prideful disposition
Where was I when the stars sang out

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SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

it is good and right to do so.

COMMUNION

ALL:

Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Thomas Ken (1674)

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OAKS PARISH: GET CONNECTED

WELCOME

Welcome to Oaks Parish! It is our aim that during this season of heightened awareness and caution regarding COVID19 that we persist in carrying out our mission and core values to the best of our ability while doing what we can to follow CDC guidelines and keep everyone safe. Our worship service is available online as well as in person, and if you are worshipping with us in person and have yet to RSVP, we would ask that you sign your name to the list in the lobby in the case that contact tracing is necessary.

WORSHIP ONLINE

We are now worshipping online as well as in person. Join us at 10AM each Sunday on our website by visiting our home page, or our YouTube channel (search "Oaks Parish").

NEWCOMERS GATHERING 2/28

New to Oaks Parish? Join us for Newcomers Gathering on 2/28. At Newcomers you'll hear the story, values, and mission of Oaks Parish. It also gives us the chance to get to know you. To sign-up, please visit our website.

OP KIDS: GUIDES FOR LENT & EASTER

The seasons of Lent and Easter are wonderful opportunities to unpack the beauty of the gospel with kids in a fun and engaging way. To this end, we have guides for Lent and Easter available in service today as well as online. If you have further questions, please contact Director of OP Kids, Marylu Gray (kids@oaksparish.org).

SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with set-up on Sunday mornings. Set-up volunteers arrive at 8:30 AM and stay for 30 minutes after service. The tasks include: safely preparing communion elements, distributing OP signage outside, several lightweight tasks, and putting things away after service. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity or want more information, please email Amanda Buck (amanda@oaksparish.org).