

The 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

BETH MOORE, *BREAKING FREE*

No amount of determination will bring freedom. We're going to learn to be victorious by surrendering our lives completely to the Spirit of God, not by gritting our teeth and trying harder.

MICHAEL REEVES, *DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY*

So it is with the Father and the Son; so it is with us. The Spirit catches us up to share their pleasure, and it is that delight in them that fuels us to want to make them known. The Spirit-caused enjoyment of the fellowship, the increasing love for the Father and the Son: it turns us to share their outgoing love for the world. We become like what we worship.

GARY BURGE, *THE NIV COMMENTARY ON JOHN*

Above all, Jesus is described as the One in whom the Spirit flows like a living spring, a source of life and refreshment and renewal that will be offered following his glorification...Therefore to be commissioned (20:21), to advance the work of God as God's agent, means being empowered as Jesus was empowered—obtaining the Spirit, just as Jesus was anointed and as Jesus promised.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 110*

O God, my heart is fixed, my heart is firmly fixed;  
I will sing and give praise with the best that I have.

**Awake, my soul; awake, lute and harp;  
I myself will awaken the dawn.**

I will give thanks unto you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
and I will sing praises unto you among the nations,

**For the greatness of your mercy reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**That your beloved may be delivered,  
save me by your right hand, and answer me.**

Let us pray

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope by thy good pleasure  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor;  
daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

Robert Robinson (1758)

### STILL YOU WOULD BE FOUND TRUE

Though every man be found a liar  
Still you would be found true  
You would be found true  
You would be found true  
You would be found true  
Still you would be found true  
You would be found true

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## SCRIPTURE READING

### John 20:11-23

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

#### **Leader:**

This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **People:**

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Bryan Buck: Faithful Presence  
Sermon Series: Extended Family

## NOTES

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Name one person who was or is influential in introducing you to Jesus.  
How has this person been a faithful presence in your life?
2. How does sharing in the love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit reshape how you think about being “sent”?
3. What’s one thing you can do this week to be a faithful presence to someone else here in our city?

## 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 John 3:16-17*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through 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



## THE INVITATION

Oh that You'd come tear open the sky  
That You'd come down, that You'd come down  
Oh that the mountains would tremble inside  
That You'd come down, that You'd come down

As fire burns away all the lies  
Won't You come down, won't You come down  
Your fire brings our souls alive  
Jesus come down, Jesus come down,  
Jesus come down

We have come to meet with You  
To follow and love, to take hold of You  
We have come to worship You  
To honor and know, to bow before You  
Jesus come down, Jesus come down,  
Jesus come down

You are our Father we are the clay  
Won't You come down, won't You come down  
You are the potter so mold us today  
Won't You come down, won't You come down

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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").

### WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING

Women of Oaks, join us this Wednesday, February 17 from 7:00-8:30 PM as we continue to look at the Psalms as a guide for flourishing. We'll spend time as a large group for devotion and break into smaller groups for discussion and prayer. We'll meet at church in the sanctuary, but If you prefer to join us virtually please email Amanda Buck for the Zoom link ([amanda@oaksparish.org](mailto:amanda@oaksparish.org)).

### 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 Marylu Gray ([kids@oaksparish.org](mailto:kids@oaksparish.org)).