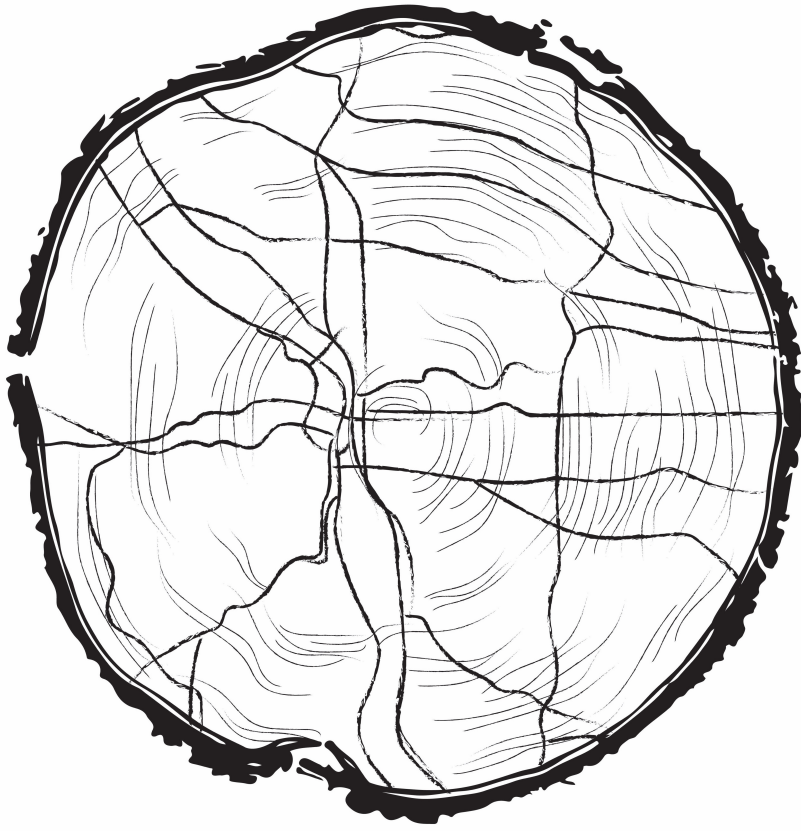


First Sunday after Epiphany



oaks parish

A HOLY COMMON PLACE

OUR MISSION

Following God for the flourishing of Portland

OUR CORE VALUES



GOSPEL OF GRACE



URBAN PARISH



FORMATIVE RHYTHMS



EXTENDED FAMILY

QUOTES FOR REFLECTION

THE DICTIONARY OF THE LATER NEW TESTAMENT AND IT'S DEVELOPMENTS

The sociological unit in the Hellenistic world, as in the OT, was not the individual, the city or the state but the family or household. Early Christianity, including the NT itself, to a large degree addressed people not as separate individual entities but as connected to the household.

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.

JOHN OWEN, *COMMUNION WITH GOD THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST, EACH PERSON DISTINCTLY, IN LOVE, GRACE, AND CONSOLATION*

“But just remember...he is our most loving Father. Every other discovery of God, without this, will but make the soul fly from him; but if the heart be once much taken up with this the eminency of the Father's love, it cannot choose but be overpowered, conquered, and endeared unto him. This, if any thing, will work upon us to make our abode with him. If the love of a father will not make a child delight in him, what will? Put, then, this to the venture: exercise your thoughts upon this very thing, the eternal, free, and fruitful love of the Father, and see if your hearts be not wrought upon to delight in him.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul.
I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could ever restrain Him
Praise the Lord he is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bryan Buck: Family Ties

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

John 3:16-18 (CSB)

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.

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

OH THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me

Underneath me all around me
Is the current of his love
Leading onward leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above

Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Tis a heav'n of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee

Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loveth ever loveth
Changeth never nevermore

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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)

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.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 20th from 7-8:30pm at MTSDA. Also, virtual access will be available via zoom. If you have any questions email amanda@oaksparish.org.

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").

ONLINE DEVOTIONAL CONTENT

Did you know that we have a treasure trove of resources online? Check out our weekly At Home Devotions and Prayer Guides, as well as OP Family Resources on our website, and our Oaks Parish Instagram (@Oaksparish) where you can find devotions and meditations to help you and your family grow in your walk with God throughout the week.