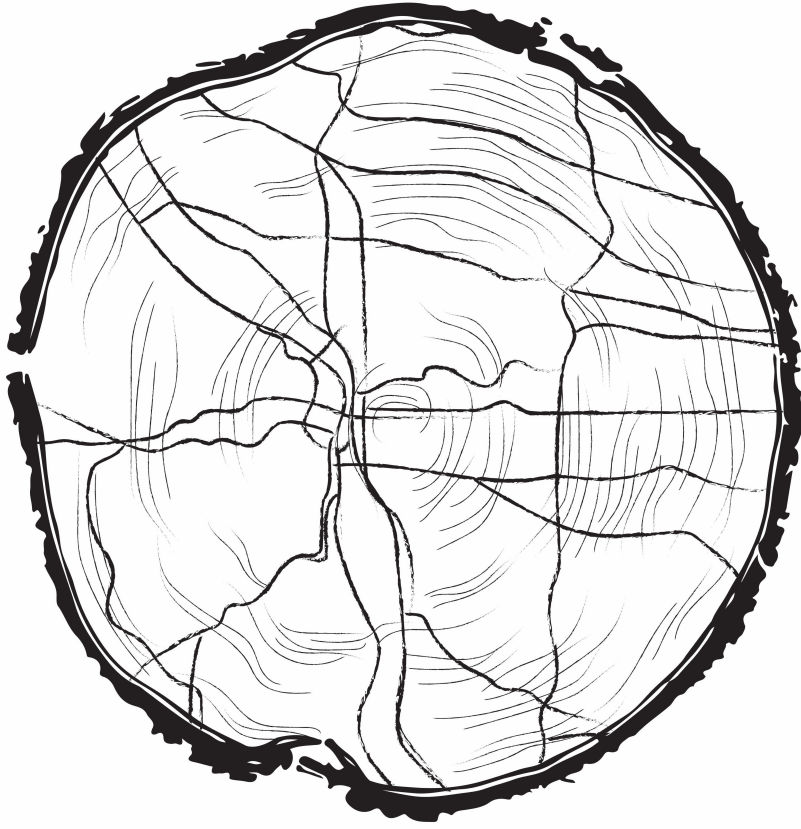


Third Sunday After the Epiphany



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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

JOHN OWEN, *EXPOSITION OF HEBREWS*

Love is the light and glory which are about the throne on which God sits.

MICHAEL REEVES, *DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY*

Now when we see that Jesus is the radiance of God's glory, it becomes impossible to think that God's glory is something that is not about love. Through Jesus, the Father shows us his innermost being—in the form of a servant, dying to give us life. And it is as Jesus comes to us from heaven, making himself nothing, that he displays his glory...Here is a glory no other God would want. Other gods need worship and service and sustenance. But this God needs nothing. He has life in himself—and so much so that he is brimming over. His glory is inestimably good, overflowing, self-giving.

DAVID BAST, *WHAT IS PREACHING FOR?*

Hearing of the gospel is an encounter with grace, and this is not fundamentally an intellectual experience. That is not to say that preaching shouldn't or doesn't teach. You certainly hope to learn at least something from a sermon – at least I do. But a sermon is not a lecture, and listening to it is not a classroom exercise. What matters is not so much whether you can remember the outline or content of a sermon when it's over; what matters is what happens to you and in you while you are listening to it.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

SONGS OF PRAISE

CHRIST IS THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

In Christ we offer all that he has offered
The perfect offering
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

So we remember all that he remembered
The whole of life returned
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

Let us lift up lift our hearts
Let us lift up lift our hearts
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord

Sent forth in beauty reconciling all things
Radiant in holiness
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bryan Buck: Our Family Story
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

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have
fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not
practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we
have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son
cleanses us from all sin.

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

REMEMBER US IN MERCY

We have heard of your great works,
We have seen the mark you made,
And we call to you,
Remember us in mercy
We will climb our highest towers,
And look out over our walls,
We will wait for you,
To find us in your mercy

God of our fathers you delivered, you deliver
You stood before eternal hills, and they were scattered
You are the everlasting one,
You remember us in mercy

We have stained our house with blood,
We have done such evil things,
And we call you you,
Remember us in mercy
We have plundered our own homes,
We have no one else but you,
We will wait for you,
To find us in your mercy

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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.

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.