

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany



oaks parish

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

JAMES R. EDWARDS, *THE GOSPEL OF MARK*

The kingdom of God topples our cherished priorities and demands of disciples new ones. It takes from those who follow Jesus things they would keep, and gives to them things they could not imagine.

MICHAEL REEVES, *DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY*

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it” (Gen 3:6). The problem is deeper than her actions, deeper than outward disobedience. Her act of sin was merely the manifestation of the turn in her heart: she now desired the fruit more than she desired God.

N.T. WRIGHT, *MARK FOR EVERYONE*

Everything will be upside down and inside out; all things are possible to God; the first will be last and the last first. In particular, though, those who have left family and possessions to follow Jesus will receive things back even in the Present Age – a new and ever-enlarging family of their fellow-disciples, with homes open to them wherever they go.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

The Lord has shown forth his glory;
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

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

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
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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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

7 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" 20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." 28 Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bryan Buck: The Power of Love
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

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the
beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus you brought heaven down
My sin was great your love was
greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold you
The veil tore before you
You silence the boast of sin and
grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God you reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

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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 worshiping 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").

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).

WOMENS DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING 2/3

Our next women's discipleship gathering will be on Wednesday evening, 2/3 from 7:00-8:30 PM at church in the sanctuary. We spend time as a large group for a devotion and break into smaller groups for discussion and prayer. Join us as we continue to look at the Psalms as a guide to flourishing. If you prefer to join us virtually, please email Amanda Buck for the Zoom link (amanda@oaksparish.org).