

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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

HERMAN MELVILLE, *MOBY DICK*

Yea, woe to him who, as the great Pilot Paul has it, while preaching to others is himself a castaway!

TIM KELLER, *PRODIGAL PROPHET*

When Christian believers care more for their own interests and security than for the good and salvation of other races and ethnicities, they are sinning like Jonah. If they value the economic and military flourishing of their country over the good of the human race and the furtherance of God's work in the world, they are sinning like Jonah. Their identity is more rooted in their race and nationality than in being saved sinners and children of God. Jonah's rightful love for his country and people had become inordinate, too great, rivaling God. Rightful racial pride can become racism. Rightful national pride and patriotism can become imperialism.

DAVID FRENCH, *CRUELTY IS APOSTASY*

But the fruits of the spirit are among the defining elements of the Christian life and the Christian witness. Their presence unites God's people. Their absence shatters our fellowship... Human beings need forgiveness and kindness like we need oxygen. A nation devoid of grace immigrates its people. A church devoid of grace rebukes the cross.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like streams in the Negeb!**

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL

Lord of the mountains and sea,
You are treading a path set for me.
God of the seasons and sky,
You have always been holding my life.

Lord, You are the shepherd of my soul.
So I lay down my plans, I give up my rights,
And let You take control of this surrendered life.

So I put my trust in the one,
Who created the stars and the sun.
Oh, you are eternally kind.
Always faithful, and endlessly wise.

You comfort You sustain,
In shaking You remain,
Unmoved and unafraid,
Forever and always.
You lead me by still waters,
Lead me through the valleys,
Lead me in Your wisdom,
Shepherd of my soul.

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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 heaven 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

Jonah 4

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord

People:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Bryan Buck: Jonah's Heart

Sermon Series: Jonah

NOTES

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How are you struggling to trust in God's provision right now? What would happen if you chose to trust him?
2. Consider a cultural issue that is heavy on your heart. How can God's grace provide a radically different vision to meet the moment?
3. What's one way that God's grace can change your outlook on this coming week?

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

OFFERING PRAYER

King Jesus, you gave your life in order that we might have life and have it abundantly. In light of your love, we offer our lives in worship. You alone are the true and everlasting treasure of our heart and so we offer these tithes and offerings, trusting you with our lives. Please bless these gifts to make your love known in Portland, the Pacific Northwest, and the world. Blessed be your glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with your glory!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MERCY'S REIGN

Light, You are light, Jesus One and Only.
Good, You are good, so full of truth and grace.
Bright, You are bright, no dark can dim Your glory.
Kind, You are kind, Your yoke means mercy's reign.

You make light in shine in our dark,
and in our hearts – O Beautiful!
You still pursue us through our loss,
and bear our cross – O Merciful!

One, You are One, Three from the beginning.
Friend, You are friend, to reveal Your heart of hearts.
Bold, You are bold, You bear away our sinning.
Love, You are Love, and this world is Your art.

You make light in shine in our dark,
and in our hearts – O Beautiful!
You still pursue us through our loss,
and bear our cross – O Merciful!

You hide Your face from the wise,
yet show the child – O Wonderful!
You call me close and take my pride,
and say “this died” – O Lord my God!

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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 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.

OPERATIONS CONTACT & HOURS

We are pleased to announce that Emily Bamford has joined the OP staff team as our new Operations Support Coordinator! In this role, Emily provides administrative support to our staff, leadership, and congregation. You can reach Emily at emily@oaksparish.org. Her office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8am-3pm.

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICE

Join us for our Good Friday and Easter services as we reflect on and celebrate the redemption Christ. Our Good Friday service will take place in the sanctuary and online, Friday 4/2 (7:30-8:30 PM). Our Easter celebration will take place at our normal service time, Sunday 4/4 (10 AM) and include worship in the sanctuary, family corners, and online.

SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR TODAY!

Stay after church today for Sunday Social Hour! A new monthly initiative, Sunday Social Hour will include coffee and donuts served outside, giving everyone a chance to talk and linger in a safe way. If you're new to Oaks Parish, we hope this will give you a way to connect with others in our community. For questions related to this new initiative, please contact Luke Creswell at luke.creswell@gmail.com.

PHOTO DAY TODAY!

Oaks Parish will be launching a new website soon that will feature genuine photos from our community. Today, a professional photographer is with us to capture our Sunday morning experience. If you do not want your picture on the website, please email Hallie Creswell at hallie.creswell@gmail.com and photos that include you will be excluded from the website.

MARGARET WESTRELL MEMORIAL SERVICE & LOVE OFFERING

Join us Sunday evening, March 21 at 6pm to mourn the loss of Margaret Westrell and celebrate her life in Christ. The memorial will be held in the sanctuary at church. In lieu of flowers, Oaks Parish is putting together a love offering for Kirk and Sue to help cover unexpected expenses. Contributions can be made online or in-person on Sunday. For all gifts please note "Westrell Love Offering" in the memo line. If you have questions please contact Josh Partlow at jdpartlow@gmail.com