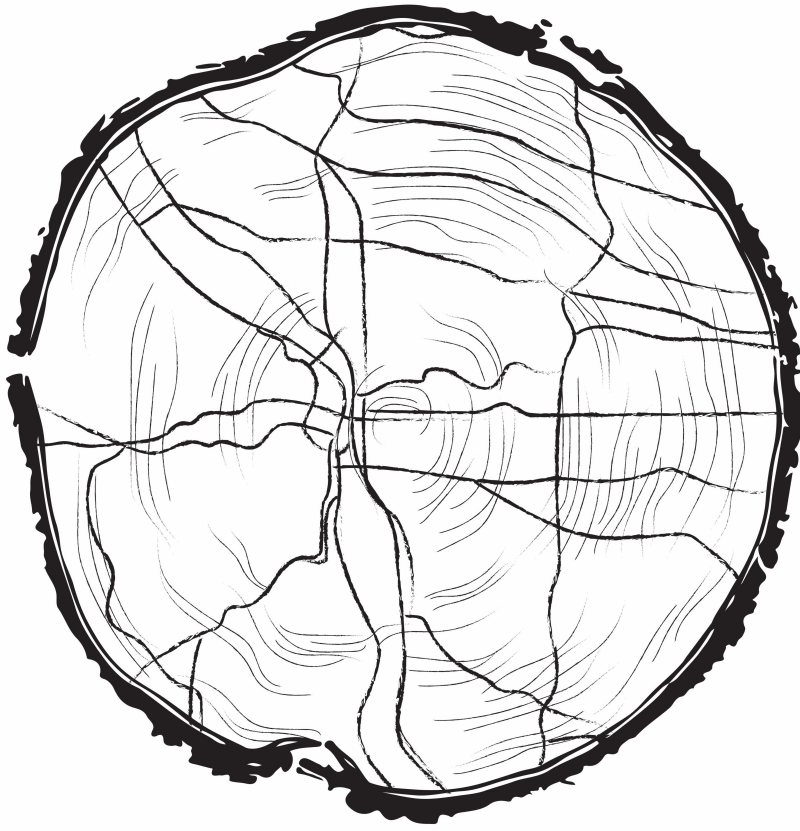


Second Sunday After the Epiphany



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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

### MICHAEL REEVES, *DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY*

What is your Christian life like? What is the shape of your gospel, your faith? In the end, it will all depend on what you think God is like. Who God is drives everything. So what is the human problem? Is it merely that we have strayed from a moral code? Or is it something worse: that we have strayed from him? What is salvation? Is it merely that we are brought back as law-abiding citizens? Or is it something better: that we are brought back as beloved children? What is the Christian life about? Mere behavior? Or something deeper: enjoying God? And then there's what our churches are like, our marriages, our relationships, our mission: all are molded in the deepest way by what we think of God.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., "THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN FACING THE NATIONS CHIEF MORAL DILEMMA", 1957

The Church must remind men, once more, that God is the answer, and that man finds greater security in devoting his life to the eternal demands of the Almighty God, than in giving his ultimate allegiance to the transitory evanescent demands of man. The Church must continually say to Christians, "ye are a colony of heaven. This means that although we live in the colony of time, our ultimate allegiance is to the empire of eternity. We have a dual citizenry. We live both in time and eternity; both in heaven and earth. Therefore, we owe our ultimate allegiance to God. It is this love for God and devotion to his will that casteth out fear.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 148:1-6*

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the LORD!**

**For he commanded and they were created.**

**And he established them forever and ever;**

**he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

Come you weary heart now to Jesus;  
Come you anxious soul now and see.  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.  
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,  
Satisfied, he is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer;  
Come and find your joy here complete.  
Taste the living water, never thirst again;  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.  
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,  
Satisfied, he is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus;  
He is all he said he would be.  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;  
Rest here in his wondrous peace.  
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,  
Satisfied he is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
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In the goodness of Jesus.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

### 1 John 4:7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

#### **Leader:**

This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **People:**

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Bryan Buck: The Beloved Community  
Sermon Series: Extended Family

## NOTES

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## 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

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that  
in him we might become the righteousness 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

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This morning we baptize Avenel Faye Hellweg by profession of faith.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures to be the Word of God and the final authority for life and faith?
2. Do you acknowledge your need for the grace of God, humbling yourself, offering no morality or righteousness of your own, but asking only for the mercy of God in Christ?
3. Do you accept Christ as the Sacrifice for your sin, as the Prophet for all your truth, and as the King of all your life, resting on him and his righteousness alone for your salvation?
4. Do you now resolve to live a life worthy of your calling, growing in the gospel of Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit for life?
5. Do you promise to support this communion with your prayers and offerings, to pursue its purity and peace, and to submit to its leadership according to the Scriptures?



## TRINITY SONG

Holy Father Son and Spirit  
Holy communion three in one

Come with your peace with your invitation  
Bind us together in holy love

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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.

### WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING

Our first gathering of 2021 will be this Wednesday, January 20 from 7:00-8:30 PM. Join us as we continue to look at the Psalms as a guide to flourishing. We will spend time in large group for devotional and break into smaller groups to process and connect. If you prefer to join via Zoom, please email Amanda Buck (amanda@oaksparish.org).