

OAKSHAW ORACLE

A warm welcome to all visitors who are reading this online version of our worship. The video for today's service can be found on the church Web site and Facebook page.

The Anthem and Music for meditation have been chosen by our Choir Master David Murray. The anthem today is taken from a recording made of David Murray and Oakshaw Trinity Choir in 2000 and the Music for Meditation is 'Largo' by Handel.

The video is available on the website <http://www.oakshawtrinity.org.uk/music> (Music menu) and on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity.

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn: No. 424

Blest be the everlasting God

PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: No 512

To God be the glory

READING: Psalm 111

Reader: Liz McPherson

ANTHEM

All people that on earth do dwell

READINGS: Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-56

Reader: Margaret Pearson

Hymn: No. 721

We lay our broken world

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: No 113

God the Father of creation

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

SERMON NOTES

Using Our Time Well

Today, I want to look at the word of Paul in Ephesians 5.15-16: "Be very careful, then, how you live – making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

So often we have regarded time as the great enemy. Our life has been a battle against time to get our tasks done. Like life itself, time is a gift of God. It is the moment of opportunity, the possibility of getting things done.

How do we make good use of every opportunity we get? In our reading, Paul says many very practical things. He says, "Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him." Notice how Paul, while speaking about immorality, indecency and greed, tells us not to use foolish words.

God looks at our heart, our character. How we talk is a reflection of who we are. Becoming a Christian has taken us out of darkness into God's light. Find out what the Lord wants you to do and, filled with his Spirit, do it!

PRAYER: Strengthen us to use our time well loving God and help us to make this world a better place...



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TODAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong .



NEXT SUNDAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong. Booking in advance is not required, although we are still required to complete the Track & Trace Cards where you sit. The church is set out at 2 metres distancing and will change when distancing is removed.



Hymn 512 was chosen by Helen Dewar. Helen has always loved this hymn, the words and music are heartening and make you feel uplifted.

WEEKLY CHURCH OPENING:

Rev. Gordon Armstrong and Rev. George Lind will be available in the Church on Tuesdays from 11am – 3pm. Prayers will be said on the hour.



KIRK SESSION:

Elders are reminded of the Kirk Session meeting on Tuesday 7th August, 2021. The meeting will take place in the **church** at 7.30 p.m.

BOYS' BRIGADE:

BB starts for the new session on Friday 20th August in the Wynd Centre.



Anchor Boys and Junior Section at 6.30 p.m. and Company Section at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY CLUB:

The Saturday Club now hold a time of 'Saturday Club From The Sofa.' This takes place on Facetime at 3pm on Saturdays. Please feel free to join in and keep us up to date with how you have been coping.



MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:

Boxes can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11 and 3p.m. or any Sunday Service.



STAMP APPEAL:

Barbara Copleton is still collecting used stamps for the Church of Scotland Appeal. Please help by saving your used stamps and passing them on to Barbara.



The Wynd can benefit from the charity awards from Amazon Go. To participate at no cost, go to smile.amazon.co.uk select your purchase and choose the Wynd Centre as your chosen charity.



**Be still and know.
Be still and look.
Let the eyes of the mind be closed
that you may hear
what otherwise you would not hear,
that you may know
what otherwise you would not know.
And if in the silence God does not
answer, God is still there. Amen.**



Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web
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THE STORY OF JOSEPH Part 6 (Puzzle on next page)



- The famine was still very serious in the land of Canaan where Jacob and his sons lived. They had no food. Finally, Jacob told his sons to go again and buy food in Egypt since Egypt was the only place there was any food at all. But Judah said to his father, "We cannot go to Egypt to buy food, Father, unless Benjamin goes with us. The man who sold us food the last time told us not to come back unless we had our youngest brother with us."
- Who was the man who said to bring Benjamin with them the next time? That's right! It was Joseph, the brother they had put into a pit and sold him into slavery in Egypt! Joseph wanted to see his younger brother, Benjamin, but he didn't tell his brothers that he was Joseph.
- Jacob complained to his sons, "Why did you even tell him you had a younger brother?" The brothers said that the man had asked them directly, "Is your father alive? Do you have another brother? We didn't know he was going to tell us to bring Benjamin with us the next time!" Judah said, "Send Benjamin with us, Father. We need food or we will all die even our little ones." Eventually, Jacob told them to go with Benjamin and to take a few presents with him, a little balm, a few almonds, and spices...thing like that. Jacob also tells them to take Benjamin and double the amount of money just in case it was a mistake the last time.
- All of the brothers except Simeon travelled to Egypt to buy food. Why didn't Simeon go with them? That's right! Simeon was already in Egypt because Joseph said he had to stay there in prison until Benjamin came to Egypt. When Joseph sees his brothers and that Benjamin is with them, he tells the ruler of the house to bring all the brothers home and to make ready the noon meal. The brothers were afraid because they had to go to Joseph's house. They said to each other that it was because of the money that was found in their sacks the first time they had gone to buy corn. They felt that they were in trouble. When they arrived at Joseph's house, they tried to explain to the steward of the house about the money they had found in their sacks on that first trip, but all the steward said was don't be afraid. Then Simeon was brought out to the brothers. They must have been as happy to see Simeon as he was to see them! Then the man of the house gave them water to wash their feet and food for their donkeys.
- When Joseph came home, the brothers gave them their presents and showed Joseph respect by bowing to the ground before him. Joseph asked about the health of their father and the brothers said that he was still alive. When Joseph looked up and saw Benjamin, he hurried out of the room and went to his



- bedroom and cried because he had greatly missed his younger brother. After he had washed his face, he told the servant that it was time to eat. Because Egyptians did not eat with the Hebrews, Joseph ate by himself, but all of the brothers were amazed when they went to sit down at the dinner table to eat and found that the order in which each brother sat was in the order of their birth.
- Now, when the brothers were ready to go home to Canaan, Joseph instructed his servants to fill the brothers' sacks with food and to put their money back in their sacks. Joseph had done that before, hadn't he? But, this time, he put something special in Benjamin's sack--Joseph's silver cup! Then the brothers left. When the brothers had travelled out of the city, Joseph said to his steward, "Go follow the men! Say to them, 'Why have you rewarded good with evil?' Then search for my silver cup. Joseph was playing a trick on them, wasn't he? Where was the cup? In Benjamin's sack, but Benjamin and his brothers didn't know it.
- When the steward caught up with the brothers, the brothers knew that they hadn't taken the cup, so they told the steward to go ahead and search for the cup that they had not taken it. Imagine their surprise and fear when the cup was found in Benjamin's sack!! Remember a few weeks ago, we learned that when someone was grieved or extremely sad, what did they do to their clothes? That's right! They tore their clothes...and that is what the brothers do. They know there's trouble ahead for Benjamin!
- All of the brothers travelled back with the steward to Joseph's house. Joseph was still there and the brothers fell on the ground before Joseph. Very sad indeed! Joseph asked them, "Why have you done this?" Judah said to Joseph, "What can we say to you? We have no clue as to how your cup got into Benjamin's sack." Joseph said that whoever had the cup in his sack would be his servant! Oh, no! That meant that Benjamin would not be able to go back to Canaan to see his father, and he would have to stay with Joseph! That is what Joseph wanted. He wanted Benjamin to stay with him.
- Then Judah went up close to Joseph and told Joseph the whole story about their life in Canaan, how much his father loved and protected Benjamin, and how that his father would die if Benjamin did not return with them to Canaan. Judah begged Joseph to let him stay and let Benjamin go back to Canaan.
- Finally, Joseph couldn't stand it anymore. He cried, "Let all the servants go out of the room!" Everyone went out until it was only Joseph and his brothers left in the room and they were alone. Joseph cried so loud that even the Egyptians



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outside of the room could hear Joseph cry. "I AM JOSEPH!!" was what Joseph told all of his brothers, but his brothers didn't say a word because they were really afraid of what was going to happen to them since they knew it was JOSEPH that was standing beside them. They knew what they had done to him. But, Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid. God sent me to Egypt to save all of our lives." And that is exactly what had happened. By Joseph being in Egypt, God provided a way to save their family from the famine.

- Joseph told his brothers to hurry back to Canaan and bring Jacob to Egypt where Joseph would make sure that they have a comfortable life



with lots of food, flocks, and herds. Joseph told them to tell his father of all the good things that had happened to him and of all the good things they had seen in Egypt. Then Joseph fell on Benjamin's neck and cried and Benjamin cried, too. Then there was a lot of hugging and tears of joy for all of the brothers!! A happy ending!!

- Pharaoh heard about Joseph and his family's happiness. He told Joseph to hurry, take a lot of wagons full of gifts to Jacob, and bring him and all his huge family back to Egypt. Pharaoh said he would give them a home in the land of Goshen, which was the best land.

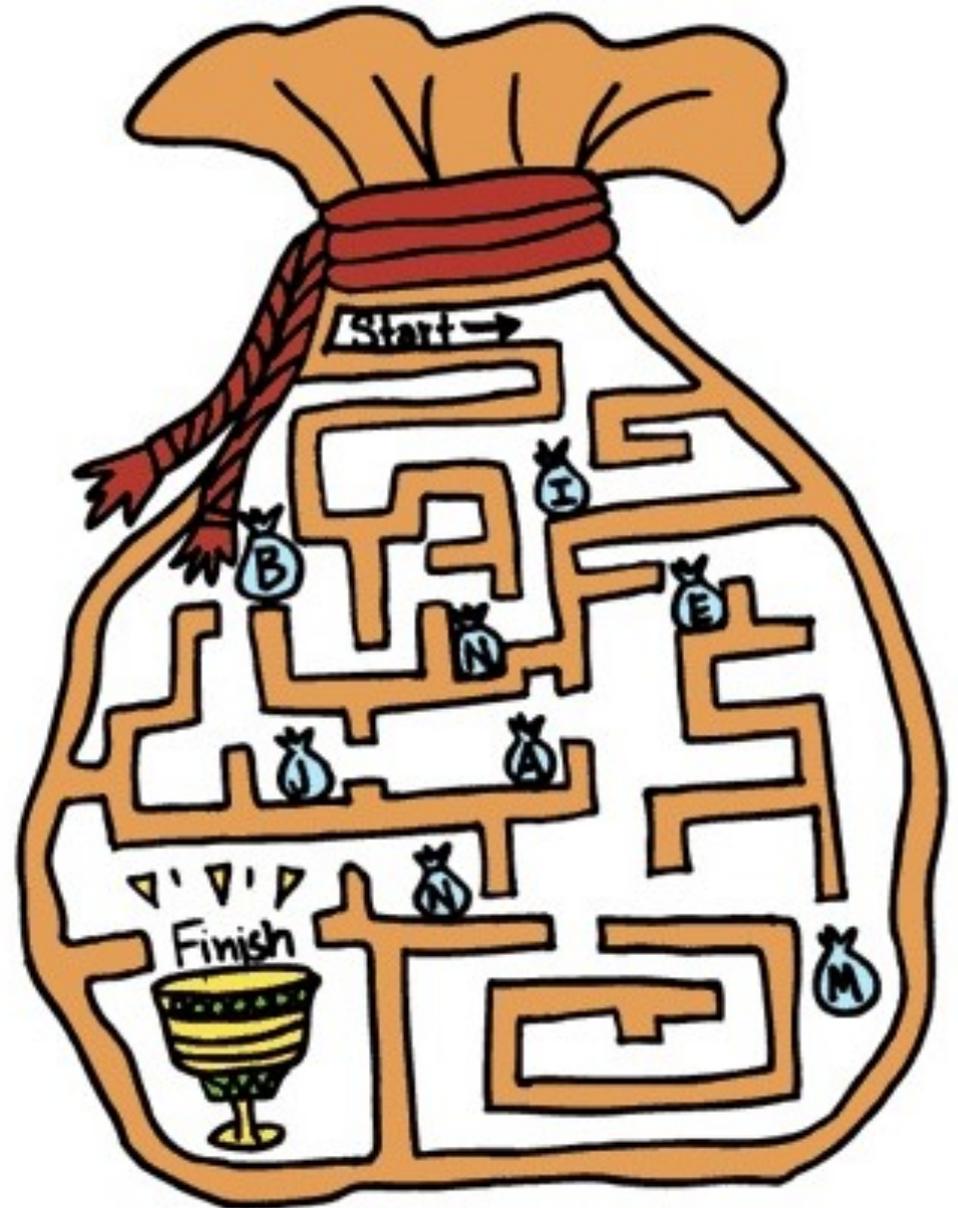
- When the brothers arrived home and told their father the good news that Joseph was alive! Jacob didn't believe it at first, but God spoke to Jacob through a dream and that was all it took for Jacob to load up all his children and grandchildren which was about 66 people (Gen. 46:26) and all of his belongings on the wagon and head for Egypt to live with Joseph! The Bible says that when



Joseph heard that Jacob was coming in the wagons, he got in his chariot and met his father in Goshen! He fell on his father's neck and the Bible says he cried a good while (Gen 46:28, 29). So, it was a VERY happy ending for Joseph, his father, all of his brothers, and all of their families. God had protected their family. God was in control and God knew the future...just like He is today! God is good!

Goblet Maze

Complete the maze to find the missing goblet. Along the way write down the letters that you find in the bag and unscramble them to find out in whose bag the goblet was found.



ANSWER: _ _ _ _ _