

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 'Of Foreign Lands and Peoples' by Schumann. Two of today's hymns are played by Calum Murray.

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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OAKSHAW ORACLE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn: No. 111
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: 189
Be still, for the presence of the Lord

READING: Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9
Reader: Helen Harrison

ANTHEM

How lovely is thy dwelling place

READINGS: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15
Reader: Isabel Gray

Hymn: No. 577
Christ be beside me

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: 106
Bring to the Lord a glad new song

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

SERMON NOTES
By God's Good Grace

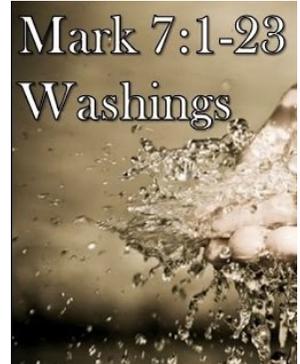
Today's gospel involves a disagreement between Jesus and the Pharisees over what is 'unclean'. They concentrate on rules and external things. Jesus looks at the heart. What we are truly like.

Ceremonial washing was one of the oral laws that had emerged from the Pharisees own interpretation of the law. After being in the marketplace and coming into contact with Gentiles the Pharisees would wash themselves to ensure their ritual cleanness. The issue is not 'Should you wash your hand?' It was 'What makes us pure before God?'

Jesus taught that the source of uncleanness is the human heart. We, therefore, need to purify our hearts by coming to Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. This will free us to live joyfully for God and follow his ways. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son...

PRAYER:

Lord God, may we never forget that the church exists in the world not for its own sake but for



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TODAY:

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



NEXT SUNDAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion 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 one metre distancing and will change when distancing is removed.



Hymn 189 was chosen by Janet Mitchell. Janet found the words of the hymn has helped her through her life, they are thoughtful and very appropriate

at this time.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Sunday School resumes **next** Sunday 5th September which is Communion Sunday. All children are asked to go straight to the halls. Each Sunday thereafter children will sit with their families in church before going to Sunday School.



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.



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.



ORGANISATIONS:

Some organisations are beginning to start up again. Please look out for the notices and information that will come out directly from them as they will each be operating under slightly different conditions when back meeting face to face.



Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web Oakshaw Trinity Church: www.oakshawtrinity.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity

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Who likes apples? I like the big red shiny ones, they always look good to eat!

Oh, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "You can't tell if an apple is good by looking at the outside. You have to look on the inside to know if it is a good apple." Well, perhaps you are right. Let me tell you a story.



One day, while walking through an orchard, a man stopped under an apple tree. It was loaded with big beautiful apples just waiting to be eaten. The man picked what he thought looked like the best apple on the tree. He couldn't wait to eat it. He took out his pocket knife and cut it open for a taste. To his surprise, the apple was rotten to the core.

Unfortunately it is sometimes the same with people. Some people go to church every Sunday. They carry their Bibles, they bring their offering, they sing every hymn, they listen to every word the preacher says, but it doesn't change anything in their heart. They look good on the outside, but their goodness is only skin deep. Their worship is for appearance only and not from the heart.

This isn't anything new. Jesus faced the same problem in his day. One day some religious leaders complained to Jesus that they had seen some of his disciples eating without first washing their hands. Religious laws and traditions were very strict about washing your hands before eating. The religious leaders asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples follow our customs? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."

Jesus answered, "You are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites. The prophet Isaiah must have been talking about you when he said, 'These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship has no meaning because they have replaced God's laws with their own traditions.'"

Those religious leaders were very concerned about clean hands, but Jesus was more concerned about a clean heart. We should be too!

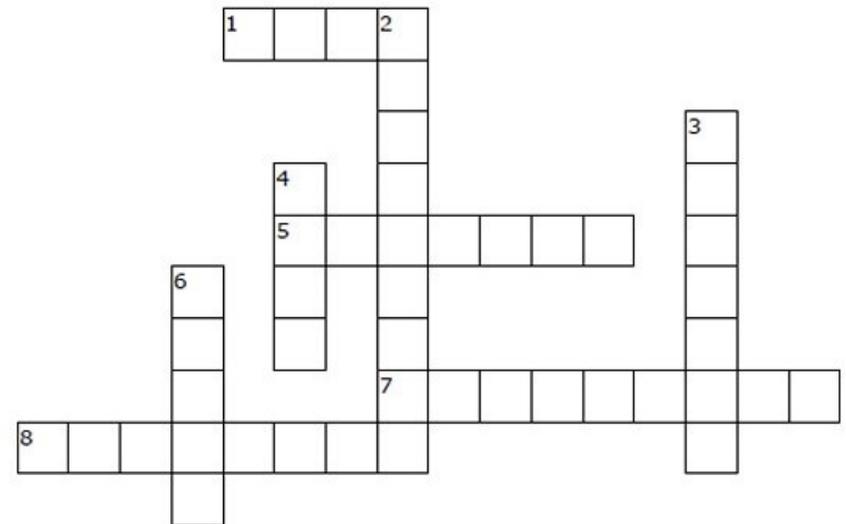
Heavenly Father, help us to be as concerned about being clean on the inside as we are about being clean on the outside. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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"Skin Deep" Religion

These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Mark 7:6b (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 7: 1-8



ACROSS

1. To clean something, usually with soap and water
5. Foul or dirty; ritually impure
7. An established custom or habit
8. A member of a Jewish sect that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law

DOWN

2. Someone who pretends to be something he is not
3. To honor and show love to God
4. A principle that guides our behavior
6. The organ that pumps blood throughout the body

TRADITION
PHARISEE

HEART
RULE

UNCLEAN
HYPOCRITE

WASH
WORSHIP