

## Lighting of the Candles

We light a candle in the name of the Maker,  
Who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us...  
We light a candle in the name of the Son,  
Who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us...  
We light a candle in the name of the Spirit  
Who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning ...

*We light three lights for the trinity of love:  
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us:  
The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.*

## Prayer and Silence

Whoever does not take up their cross  
and follow me is not worthy of me

Jesus  
Matthew 10:38

## Worship



Homeless Jesus (2014)  
| Timothy Schmalz

(online [here](#); fb [here](#))

Music: Gavin Bryars |  
"Jesus Blood Never Failed Me Yet"  
(online [here](#))



## Worship

## Beatitudes Liturgy (Mt 5:2-12)

In the words of Christ:  
God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,  
*the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*  
God blesses those who mourn,  
*they will be comforted.*  
God blesses those who are humble,  
*they will inherit the whole earth.*  
God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,  
*they will be satisfied.*  
God blesses those who are merciful,  
*they will be shown mercy.*

## Beatitudes Liturgy

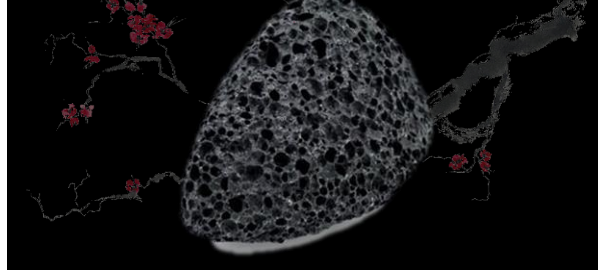
God blesses those whose hearts are pure,  
***they will see God.***

God blesses those who work for peace,  
***they will be called the children of God.***

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,  
***the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.***

God will bless you when people insult you,  
 mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me.  
***Be happy and excited!***

You will have a great reward in heaven.  
 People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago.

Reflection | *How did the practice/challenge go?*Practice | *Pumice Stone*FUMI-E: CHRIST  
ON THE CROSSTrampling  
the Fumi-e

Trampling the Fumi-e

***What is my  
personal fumi-e?***

Share a time  
you stepped on  
what you loved,  
in order to survive.

If we say that we  
have not sinned,  
we are fooling ourselves,  
and the truth isn't  
in our hearts.

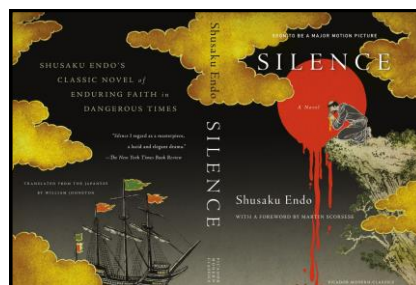
1 John 1:8

## Trampling the Fumi-e

If we say that we have not sinned,  
we are fooling ourselves,  
and the truth isn't in our hearts.

But if we confess our sins to God,  
he can always be trusted to  
forgive us and take our sins away.

1 John 1:8-9

***We pronounce Christ's forgiveness and embrace******Silence 48-83 (Ch. 4)***

**How can we  
imitate Christ  
as witnesses  
in a culture  
rejecting  
Christianity?**

**Question** What didn't make sense?

**Challenge** What did you think was wrong?

**Implication** If this is true, what does it mean for how the church follows Christ today?

**Application** What does it look like for you/us to live out of this vision?




**Question**

**Challenge**

**Implication**

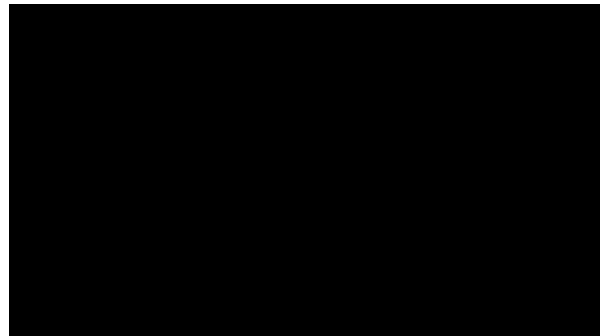
**Application**

*Silence 48-83*

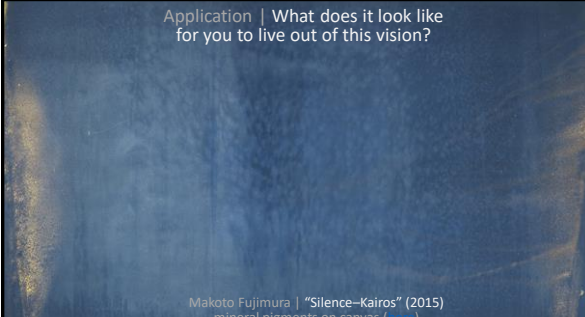
Stimulus | *"Silence & Beauty Examined" Video* ([here](#); [website](#))



Makoto Fujimura | *"Silence and Beauty"* (2016)  
7'x11' diptych, Mineral Pigments, Gesso on Canvas ([here](#))




Application | What does it look like for you to live out of this vision?



Makoto Fujimura | *"Silence-Kairos"* (2015)  
mineral pigments on canvas ([here](#))

Everyday Practice & Challenge

... rich and repetitive actions we do,  
over time and often together,  
which engage our senses and imagination,  
reminding us of God's presence  
and aiming us at His Kingdom



## Beatitudes Liturgy (Mt 5:13-16)

***You are like salt for everyone on earth.***

But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty?  
All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.

***You are like light for the whole world.***

A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house.

***Make your light shine, so that  
others will see the good that you do  
and will praise your Father in heaven.***

Practice | ***Crushed Flowers: Prayer for the Persecuted***

## Apostle's Creed

With followers of Christ from every culture and age, we declare:

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell. ...***

## Apostle's Creed

***On the third day He arose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he will come again 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.***

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**Doxology.**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be-low;  
Praise him a-bove, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

SHUSAKU ENDO'S  
CLASSIC NOVEL OF  
ENDURING FAITH IN  
DANGEROUS TIMES

**SILENCE**

Shusaku Endo  
WITH A FOREWORD BY MICHAEL ROBERTS

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