

Lent



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## Our Mission

To abide in Christ Jesus for the renewal of all things.

## Our Core Values

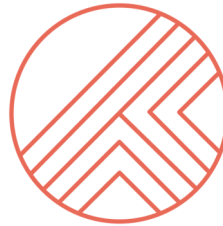
### Gospel of Grace



The gospel of grace is the foundation of everything we are and do at Oaks Parish.

At Oaks Parish, we experience holistic flourishing through the person and work of Christ. The death and resurrection of Christ has redeemed us individually, and collectively as a church; we try to mirror that grace in all we do.

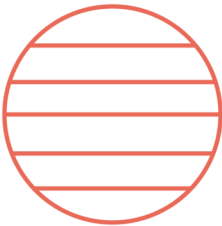
### Faithful Presence



We are committed to Portland and aspire to be a church woven into the fabric

of the city. Oaks Parish is a uniquely welcoming and inclusive place. We greet our neighbors, friends, families, and co-workers with infectious hospitality, faithfully showing the love of Jesus in Portland.

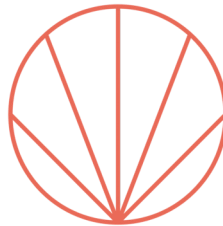
### Formative Rhythms



The rhythms of our life shape our character, and at Oaks Parish we anchor our

practices in Scripture and the historical church. Our liturgical and expressive practice of gathered worship on Sunday pervades and shapes our rhythms of prayer, study of Scripture, and gatherings throughout the week. This process of intentional formation, or discipleship, shapes us to be more like Jesus.

### Extended Family



Oaks Parish is intensely relational. We strive to live together as a diverse,

multi-generational extended family—not just on Sunday, but throughout the week. We share our stories and how God is redeeming them even as we work, play, and serve together. We want everyone to experience being known and loved in Christ.

## Quotes for Reflection

### C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

We have so concentrated on one of the virtues — “kindness” or mercy — that most of us do not feel that anything except kindness to be really good or anything but cruelty to be really bad.....The real trouble is that “kindness” is a quality fatally easy to attribute to ourselves on inadequate grounds. Everyone feels benevolent if nothing happens to be annoying him at the moment... If, being cowardly, conceited and slothful, you have never done a fellow creature great mischief, that is only because your neighbor’s welfare has not happened to conflict with your safety, self-approval, or ease.

## Song of Praise

### How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross;  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything -  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## The Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

## Kyrie, Eleison

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

Note: The use of the Greek phrase Kyrie Eleison dates back to the New Testament as people asked Jesus for healing. The Kyrie began to appear in church liturgies in the 4th century. While Western churches tend to view it through a penitential lens, asking mercy for our sins, the early church utilized this prayer instead to highlight the beauty and depth of God's mercy as he heals our hurts and provides for our daily needs. It brings us face to face with our compassionate God who hears our prayers.

## Responsive Psalm

### *Psalm 16*

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

**I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood  
drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains.

Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day,  
and there have I, though vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, though vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

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## Old Testament Reading

### Genesis 17:1-16 NRSV

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4 “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.”

9 God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. 13 Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

15 God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Offering Prayer

Generous God, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice, and love in the world. Amen.

### Prayer for the Discipleship of Our Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Passing of the Peace



## New Testament Reading

### Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSV

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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## Sermon

Mike Kelly: Depravity & Wisdom  
Holiness

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## Notes

## Abide With Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,  
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks and Earth's vain shadows flee.  
In life in death Lord, abide with me.

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## Confession of Sin

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. You are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me

*from Psalm 51*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Isaiah 53:5 NRSV

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

## Confession of Faith

### The Apostle's Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

We 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.

We 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.

## 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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We do not dismiss in any set order, come forward when you feel ready.

Form two lines down the center aisle, return to your seats by the side aisles.

Take the elements and consume them at your seat at your discretion.

Bread is locally sourced and gluten free. Choose between red wine and white grape juice.

## Time

My heart has known the winters and my feet have known the snow.

But mine eyes have seen the glory of a seed begin to grow.

There is a time to uproot, darling, but most days just hold on tight,

for there's a time for darkness, honey, but dawn will always beat the night.

Sometimes death will come calling when you've been good and warned,  
and other times its cold hands will cradle dreams yet to be born.

There is a time to dance on sorrow and a time to kiss her cheek;

there is a time to mourn in silence, but justice aches to hear you speak.

And I don't know the end, or tomorrow's story,

but I have found the one who gives me rest.

And I will make my bed in His promises

for He holds true when nothing's left, when nothing's left.

There is a time when laughter will echo through your halls of peace,  
but war is known to change your locks and carry off the family keys.  
There is a time for healing and pain, a time for drought and a time for rain.  
There is a time for everything, until we crown the risen King.

So crown Him in your mourning, and crown Him in your laughter,  
and crown Him when it all turns dark.

Crown Him when you bury, and crown Him when you marry,  
and crown Him when your faith finds a spark.

Crown Him for He's faithful, and crown Him for He's worthy.  
and crown Him for He is good.

Crown Him for His promises, cut through the blindness  
of children that have barely understood.

The beauty that has come and the beauty yet to come  
and the beauty that is yours and that is mine.

And that death produces life, and that we are made alive,  
by the King who paints beauty with time.

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## Benediction

## Doxology

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# Prayers for Those Not Communing

## Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

## Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared confess, but through you I am more loved than I ever dared hope. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, enable me to see in you the fulfillment of all my true needs, and may I turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to see that your Gospel is bigger than my sin, and that your work breaks the power of sin as well as freeing me from its penalty. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and author of my faith. Amen.

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# Oaks Parish: Get Connected

## Welcome to Oaks Parish

Thanks for joining us today - we would love to connect with you! Jot down your name and email address on the postcard found in your worship guide and drop it in an offering basket before you leave so we can get to know you.

## How to Use Postcards

- Let us know you're visiting
- Sign up for the weekly email
- Share a prayer request
- RSVP for an event
- Connect with pastoral staff

Drop your postcard in an offering basket before you leave today!

## Morning Prayer

Join us online every Wednesday at 6:30am to pray together for our community and beyond at [oaksparish.org/morningprayer](http://oaksparish.org/morningprayer).

## Evening Prayer During Lent

Lean into the Lenten season with evening prayer every Sunday during Lent (February 18 - March 24) from 7-8:30pm at the home of Nick & Jeannie Sytsma. Email [jeannie.vest@my.wheaton.edu](mailto:jeannie.vest@my.wheaton.edu) for more details and to RSVP.

## Reflections for Lent

Listen to the weekly reflections of Scripture and prayer on the Oaks Parish Podcast (on Apple Podcasts or Spotify) or download a PDF at [oaksparish.org/lent](http://oaksparish.org/lent).

## Social Hour 3/3

Join us for coffee, donuts, and conversation after the service in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Mar 3.

## Women's Movie Night 3/8

All OP women are invited to celebrate International Women's Day with the movie "Cabrini" on Friday, March 8th at 3:15pm at Century Clackamas Town Center Theater, followed by a discussion at a nearby restaurant. Email [karen@oaksparish.org](mailto:karen@oaksparish.org) if you'd like to attend - discounted tickets are available for groups.

## Newcomers Gathering 3/17

New(er) to Oaks Parish? Stay for lunch on Sunday, March 17th and we'll share more with you about the story, mission, and vision of our community. Please RSVP to [martha@oaksparish.org](mailto:martha@oaksparish.org).