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SUNDAY

Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

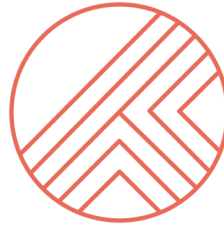
Gospel of Grace



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.

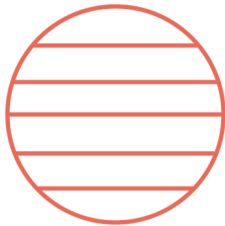
Faithful Presence



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.

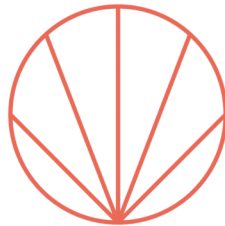
Formative Rhythms



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

J.I. Packer, Rediscovering Holiness

Just as there could be for Jesus no crown without the cross, so there can be for us no holiness without praise.

Thomas Merton, Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander

How absolutely central is the truth that we are first of all part of nature, though we are a very special part, that which is conscious of God. In solitude, one is entirely surrounded by beings which perfectly obey God.

N.T. Wright, Luke for Everyone

That was the way the pilgrims came, with Jesus going on ahead, as he had planned all along. This was to be the climax of his story, of his public career, of his vocation. He knew well enough what lay ahead, and had set his face to go and meet it head on. He couldn't stop announcing the kingdom, but that announcement could only come true if he now embodied in himself the things he'd been talking about. The living God was at work to heal and save, and the forces of evil and death were massed to oppose him, like Pharaoh and the armies of Egypt trying to prevent the Israelites from leaving. But this was to be the moment of God's new Exodus, God's great Passover, and nothing could stop Jesus going ahead to celebrate it.

Song of Praise

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower,
raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart;
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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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 118:1-2, 19-27

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Bind the festal procession with branches!

Jesus, All For Jesus

Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be.
Jesus, all for Jesus,
all I am and have and ever hope to be.

For it's only in Your will that I am free;
for it's only in Your will that I am free.

All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans,
I surrender these into Your hands.
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans,
I surrender these into Your hands.

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Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12 NRSV

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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.

Abide Retreat Reflection

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 our church 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.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:28-40 NRSV

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They said, “The Lord needs it.” 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: The Holiness of the King
Holiness

Notes

Application Questions

1. How does the Passover shed light on the meaning of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem?
2. What role does praise of Jesus play in understanding his holiness?
3. Jesus did not meet some people's expectations. How might you be asking Jesus to follow you?

Gather Round, Ye Children, Come

Gather 'round ye children come,
listen to the old, old story
of the pow'r of death undone
by an infant born of glory.
Son of God, Son of Man.

Gather 'round remember now
how creation held its breath,
how it let out a sigh,
and it filled up the sky with the angels.
Son of God, Son of Man.

So sing out with joy
for the brave little boy,
who was God, but He made himself nothing.
He gave up his pride
and He came here to die like a man.

Therefore God exalted Him
to the place of highest praises
and He gave him a name above every name,
the very name of Jesus, Son of God.

So in heav'n and earth and below,
every knee would bow in worship,
and ev'ry tongue would proclaim
that Jesus, He reigns with the angels!

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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. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. 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.

Belly of the Deepest Love

I remember when I was young, I was fickle; You were so strong.
I remember trees as they called Your name.
Mother told me, "Listen up close. There's a story they have composed.
Look how they're clapping, arms are a swaying high."

Do you remember back on the day when the trees swayed in the same way?
How the clouds swung low over kings and thieves
and how Your mother stayed by Your side,
watched the curtain tear in Your eye
and all the heavy hearts could've cracked the ground?

The beats of hammers felt like drums of war,
killed for the words You swore.

From the belly of the deepest love,
the hills trembling, throats sing hallelujah.
Like the flowers on the dogwood tree,
blush with blame You took for me
Oh how You wished to be with me,
Oh how You wished to be with me.

Do you remember seeing the man, covered by the same blood he damned,
join the song with the sky in the darkest hour?
I need something to hold onto, stronger than the iron that held You,
louder than the roar of the crowd that day.

I tried to get to You, but You came to me instead.
With the dawn the grave is gone, oh how you wish to be with me

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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.

Lent & Holy Week

- Morning Prayer, every Wednesday at 6:30am, join online at oaksparish.org/morningprayer
- Sunday Evening Prayer, during Lent, 7pm at the Sytsmas
- Listen to daily reflections for Holy Week on the Oaks Parish Podcast

Vocal Group Rehearsals

Oaks Vocal Group will rehearse today immediately following the service!

Last Day to Register for Abide

If you need spiritual respite, meaningful time away on your own or with your spouse, or a place to process how God is working in your life, join us on the Abide Retreat, April 12-14, at Mount Angel Abbey. Visit oaksparish.org/retreat for more details and to register by March 25th.

OPKids Easter Resource

Families! Pick up packets for "God's Big Easter Story" near the OPKids check-in kiosk. Find family devotions, activity suggestions, and simple yet meaningful ways to journey together as you remember the events leading up to Easter. The first part starts today on Palm Sunday!

Good Friday 3/29 & Easter Sunday 3/31

Remember the death and burial of our Lord Jesus on March 29th at 7:30pm. Celebrate the resurrection on March 31st at 10am, followed by an Easter potluck lunch and egg hunt for children. We'll provide the main dish and beverages; please bring a side dish to share.

Membership Gathering 4/7

If you're looking to make Oaks Parish your home, stay for lunch on Sunday, April 7th to learn more about membership. Please RSVP to martha@oaksparish.org.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed 4/7-4/14

Serve our houseless neighbors by volunteering to provide meals and offer support for participating families during our week of service April 7-14. Learn more and volunteer at oaksparish.org/family-promise.