

Lent



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

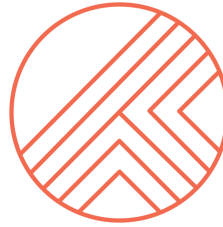
Gospel of Grace



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.

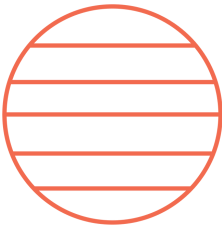
Faithful Presence



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.

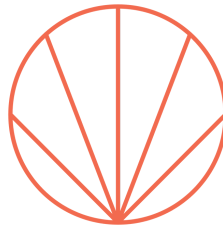
Formative Rhythms



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

Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle

Oh, my sisters, how little one should think about resting, and how little one should care about honours, and how far one ought to be from wishing to be esteemed in the very least if the Lord makes His special abode in the soul. For if the soul is much with Him, as it is right it should be, it will very seldom think of itself, its whole thought will be concentrated upon finding ways to please Him and upon showing Him how it loves Him. This, my daughters, is the aim of prayer: this is the purpose of the Spiritual Marriage, of which are born good works and good works alone.

Jon Collins, "Why Does the Tabernacle Furniture Even Matter?", The Bible Project

The tabernacle is meant to shape your heart and imagination to see Genesis chapter one life exploding back into this reality...This beautiful peace of craftsmanship that sits at the center of Israel to shape their entire lives.

Jamie Smith, You Are What You Love

The drama of redemption told in the Scriptures is enacted in worship in a way that makes it "sticky." Study and memorization are important, but there is a unique, imagination-forming power in the communal, repeated, and poetic cadences of historic Christian worship.

Peter Enns, Exodus

Christ is himself holy and sacred ground, in whom the glory of God resides. With the spread of the gospel, God's glory can now be seen in new temples everywhere, that is, wherever men and women repent and come to know God, wherever people gather together to worship. God's sacred space is no longer restricted to a building in one part of the world. Nor is it embodied only in his Son, as it was for a brief time two thousand years ago. By the work of the Holy Spirit, God's sacred space has spread over all the earth. Indeed, the redemption of the earth was his plan all along. As it was once before, the earth is now again God's holy dwelling.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 96

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples;

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

Tremble before him, all the earth.

For who is God, but the Lord?

Who is the Rock except our God?

Songs of Praise

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
he will embrace me in his arms;
and in the arms of my dear Savior,
o, there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you life.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry 'til you're better,
you will never come at all.

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul my life my all.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-32 NRSV

11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ 31 Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me,

and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

Lord Jesus, because of your cross we know
that in losing our lives, we find them in you.
In this season of Lent, show us how to give
abundantly, joyfully, and faithfully.
With open hands and generous hearts,
we lay our gifts before you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 26 NRSV

1 Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen, and blue, purple, and crimson yarns; you shall make them with cherubim skillfully worked into them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall be of the same size. 3 Five curtains shall be joined to one another; and the other five curtains shall be joined to one another. 4 You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set; and likewise you shall make loops on the edge of the outermost curtain in the second set. 5 You shall make fifty loops on the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite one another. 6 You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps, so that the tabernacle may be one whole.

7 You shall also make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall be of the same size. 9 You shall join five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and the sixth curtain you shall double over at the front of the tent. 10 You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second set.

11 You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and put the clasps into the loops, and join the tent together, so that it may be one whole. 12 The part that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13 The cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of what remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and that side, to cover it. 14 You shall make for the tent a covering of tanned rams' skins and an outer covering of fine leather.

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Sermon

Bryan Buck: Instructions for the Tabernacle
Postures of Discipleship

Notes

Application Questions

1. What role has gathered worship played in your spiritual journey?
2. As we toured the tabernacle, what caught your eye and why?
3. How does the theology of the tabernacle change your perspective on worship?

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer
bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16-17 NRSV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed,
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in
order that the world might be saved through him.

Confession of Faith

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

he is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—

upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,

my soul be not afraid;

for the promised morning, oh how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,

you are the faithful one;

and from the garden to the grave,

bind us together, bring shalom.

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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.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high priest whose name is love
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart,
I know that while in heaven he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because a sinless savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied,
to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen lamb,
my perfect spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am,
the king of glory and of grace.
One in himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my savior and my God,
with Christ my savior and my God.

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Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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

To make our community more accessible, our worship service is available online and in person.

New Visitor Form

Thanks for joining us today - we would love to connect with you! Visit oaksparish.org/visitor and someone from our team will be in touch soon!

Sign up for the Weekly Email

Get detailed announcements right to your inbox by signing up for our weekly email at oaksparish.org.

The Daily Lectionary

The daily lectionary is a tool for personal devotion with Scripture readings and prayers. As we utilize the daily lectionary in our Lenten sermon series and other resources, you can follow along during your personal devotional time at the QR code below.



Morning Prayer

Join us online every Wednesday from 6:30-7am for to pray together as a church and practice spending time with God on our own. Join us at oaksparish.org/morningprayer.

Lent Resources

Dive deeper into the season of Lent with the weekly companion, "A Lenten Prayer Journey" or our packet of resources and activities for families. You can find both at oaksparish.org/lent.

Newcomers Gathering

New(er) to Oaks Parish? We'd love to have lunch with you today after the service! We'll provide lunch and share more about our mission, vision, and community.

Register for Abide 2023

If you need spiritual respite or a place to process how God is working in your life, join us at the Abide Retreat, April 28-30, at Mt Angel Abbey. The retreat is open to individuals and couples. Cost ranges between \$270-\$390 depending on accommodations (scholarships are available). Space is limited so register by April 10th at oaksparish.org/retreat.

Holy Week

Join us April 7th at 7:30pm as we remember the death and burial of our Lord Jesus on Good Friday. We'll celebrate the resurrection on April 9th with our Sunday morning liturgy at 10am, followed by lunch and an Easter egg hunt. More details coming!