

Palm Sunday



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## Our Mission

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

## Our Core Values

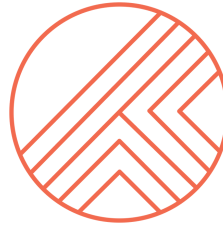
### Gospel of Grace



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.

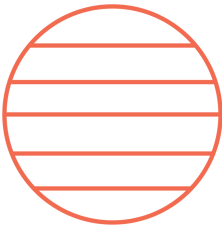
### Faithful Presence



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.

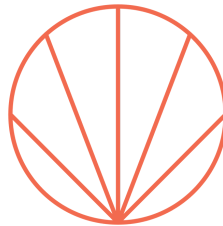
### Formative Rhythms



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.

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 118*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever.

**Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord is our strength and our might.  
The Lord has become our salvation!

**Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

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

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

**This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

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

## Songs of Praise

### Mercy's Reign

Light, you are light, Jesus one and only.  
Good, you are good, so full of truth and grace.  
Bright, you are bright, no dark can dim your glory.  
Kind, you are kind, your yoke means mercy's reign.

You make light in shine in our dark  
and in our hearts – o beautiful!  
You still pursue us through our loss  
and bear our cross – o merciful!

One, you are one, three from the beginning.  
Friend, you are friend, to reveal your heart of hearts.  
Bold, you are bold, you bear away our sinning.  
Love, you are love, and this world is your art.

You hide your face from the wise  
yet show the child – o wonderful!  
You call me close and take my pride  
and say “this died” – O Lord my God!

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## Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
how high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven,  
and spoke your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, your loving-kindness  
tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
what heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,  
the King of kings calls me his own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free,  
hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
there's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence the roaring lion  
declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, yours is the victory.

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## Old Testament Reading

### Isaiah 53:1-12 NRSV

1 Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

9 They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

11 Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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.

## Stories of Grace

### Abide Retreat

### 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



## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 21:1-17 NRSV

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 5 “Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

12 Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.” 14 The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry 16 and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’” 17 He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Quincy Robinson: The Triumphant Entry of Christ

## Notes

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## 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.

# Our Jesus is King

The Lord, our God, he reigns.

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In glorious power, his throne is forever,  
the Lord, our God, he reigns.

In the dimming of evening, he's the holder of the stars.

In the loneliness of darkness, he's everywhere we are.

We've been chasing after shadows, and clinging to our gallows,  
but Jesus, our Jesus, is king.

In the breaking of the morning, he's the mercy that we hold.

In the rising of the noonday, he's the promise that's foretold.

We've been fighting for our stories, and hiding in our glories,  
but Jesus, our Jesus, is king.

Whatever the evening or morning may bring,  
there's grace for tomorrow, and songs for us to sing.

There's a boundary for sadness, there's a balance for our madness,  
'cause Jesus, our Jesus, is king.

Our hope is in his love.

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He shows kindness in justice,

He's the God who is with us.

Our hope is in His love,

Jesus, our Jesus, is king.

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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.

## Time

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.

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.

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

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](http://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](http://oaksparish.org) or using the QR code below.



## Download the OP App

Text OaksParish App to (833) 245-5311 or search for Oaks Parish in your app store!

## Morning Prayer

Join us online every Wednesday at 6:30am as we pray together for our church, our city, and our world. You can join at [oaksparish.org/morningprayer](http://oaksparish.org/morningprayer).

## 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 \$195-\$270 per person depending on room arrangements (scholarships are available). Space is limited so register by April 10th at [oaksparish.org/retreat](http://oaksparish.org/retreat).

## Behold, Your King is Coming

Holy Week begins next Sunday, April 2nd and our daily reader will guide you through each step of Jesus' journey toward the cross. Download at [oaksparish.org/lent](http://oaksparish.org/lent).

## Good Friday

Join us on April 7th at 7:30pm as we remember the death and burial of our Lord Jesus with a service of Scripture, song, and solemn reflection.

## Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt

We'll celebrate the resurrection on April 9th with our Sunday morning liturgy at 10am. Following the service, join us for an Easter lunch potluck. We'll provide the main dish and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share. Children are invited to participate in an egg hunt after lunch.