

Eastertide



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

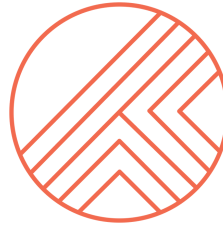
Gospel of Grace



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.

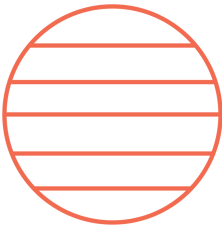
Faithful Presence



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.

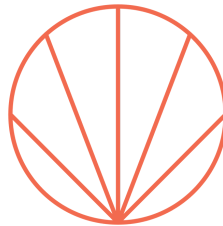
Formative Rhythms



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 115

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your name give glory.

**For the sake of your steadfast love
and your faithfulness.**

Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

**Our God is in the heavens;
he does whatever he pleases.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

**You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.**

The heavens are the Lord’s heavens,
but the earth he has given to human beings.

**We will bless the Lord
from this time on and forevermore
Praise the Lord!**

Songs of Praise

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.

Alleluia, Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alleluia

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.

Alleluia, Alleluia

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia, Alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia

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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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New Testament Reading

Acts 14:1-7 NRSV

1 The same thing occurred in Iconium, where Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. 3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done through them. 4 But the residents of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. 5 And when an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, 6 the apostles learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; 7 and there they continued proclaiming the good news.

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

God of great gifts:

This morning we give you praise,
we give you glory, we give you thanks!

With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our minds are tuned to your song of peace!

We joyfully present these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

Acts 14:8-28 NRSV

8 In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And the man sprang up and began to walk. 11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. 14 When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, 15 “Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; 17 yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.” 18 Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

19 But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. 22 There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, “It is through many

persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.” 23 And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. 27 When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. 28 And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Quincy Robinson: You May Succeed in Canceling the Messenger, but
You Will Never Succeed in Canceling the Message
The Acts of the Apostles: Witness to the Ends of the Earth

Notes

Application Questions

1. In what areas are you pressured to follow the culture? How do you normally respond?
2. Reflect on the blessings you have. Do you attribute such blessings to money, education, skill, etc., or God? Could it be "both-and"? If so, what is the balance?
3. The gods of our culture are pervasive. Which one do you have the hardest time denying? Why is this?

Confession of Sin

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2 NRSV

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

Rescue Me (Fool's Gold)

Rescue me, I am drowning in doubt,
I cannot see you.

This water's deep, I've been treading too long
and now I'm sinking.

Will you let me see if you are there?
Will you rescue me if you are there?

But if it's not okay, then it is not the end.
And this is not okay, so I know this is not, this is not the end.

Comfort me, this fear is dragging me down,
deep in the darkness.

Frigid sea, my whole heart has gone cold;
I know I'm dying.

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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.

New Wine

In the crushing, in the pressing,
you are making new wine.

In the soil I now surrender;
you are breaking new ground.

You are breaking new ground.

So I yield to you and to your careful hand;
when I trust you I don't need to understand.

Make me your vessel,
make me an offering,
make me whatever you want me to be.

I came here with nothing
but all you have given me;
Jesus bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine there is new power.
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry your new fire today.

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 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!

Membership at Oaks Parish

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, May 21st! If you have any questions about pursuing membership, email martha@oaksparish.org.

Morning Prayer

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

Social Hour

Enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation after the service on Sunday, May 7th!

Volunteer with Family Promise

Oaks Parish is partnering with Family Promise Metro East to serve our houseless neighbors by providing meals and support for participating families. Volunteer to make a meal or stay overnight during our next week of service from May 14-20th. Visit the Missions tab on the OP website to sign up.

Spring Congregational Meeting

Members and regular attenders, please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 21st for our spring congregational meeting after the service. At the meeting we will provide updates on the life of our church and share about ministry developments for the summer.