

Ordinary Time



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

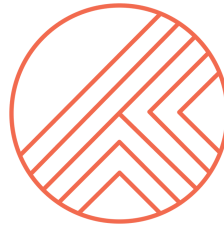
Gospel of Grace



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.

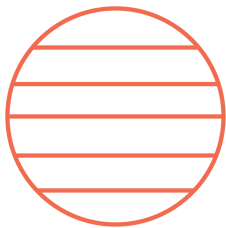
Faithful Presence



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.

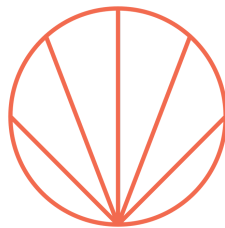
Formative Rhythms



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

Wendell Berry, "Healing," What Are People For

The teachers are everywhere. What is wanted is a learner.

Tim Keller, Counterfeit Gods

An idol is anything more important to you than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God. Anything you seek to give you what only God can give. Anything that is so central and essential to your life, that should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living.

N.T. Wright, Acts for Everyone

Ephesus was, as we said, a centre of power: magic power, political power, religious power. And Paul's ministry demonstrated that the power of the name of the Lord Jesus was stronger than all of them.

Eugene McCarragher, "Enchanted Capitalism," Plough Journal 05.30.23

Fixating on material progress evidences a failure of moral imagination. The way we evaluate the economy is asking, "How much stuff did we produce last year?" We don't ask whether any of the stuff that we produced actually contributed to human flourishing. We don't distinguish things like fruit and vegetables from cigarettes and nuclear weapons. It's all economic growth. There's no kind of moral evaluation involved...I think we know, as a society, that all of this is bad, and yet we don't seem to be able to act any differently. I think a major reason for that is that we don't know what we want. Even though capitalism isn't ideologically invulnerable to the same degree that it was, we don't have any conception of what an alternative way of life would be. So we default to the status quo.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those seek him with their whole heart,
who walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your statutes.**

Songs of Praise

The Sun Will Rise

The sun will rise, the sun will rise,
bringing life to the earth as it springs from the ground.
The king will come, the king will come,
won't you dry all your tears, lay your burdens down?
Won't you dry all your tears, lay your burdens down?

He makes all things new. He makes all things new.

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My Help My God (Psalm 42)

Why are you so full of heaviness?
Why are you disquieted within?
O my soul, O my soul.
As the deer longs for the water brooks,
so my soul it longs, it thirsts for you.
O my God, O my God.

Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.
Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.
Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.
My help, my God.

Deep calls unto deep like ocean waves,
all your floods and rapids on me break.
Oh my soul, O my soul.
I will say unto my God, my strength,
“How is it you have forgotten me?
O how long? O how long?”

Yahweh grants his kindness in the day,
through the night his song, it is with me.
Oh my soul, O my soul.

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New Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-20 NRSV

1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2 He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

8 He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. 9 When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. 10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, 12 so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. 13 Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. 15 But the evil spirit said to them in reply, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” 16 Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. 17 When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. 18 Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. 19 A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was

found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. 20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

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

Holy Father, giver of all good gifts, open our hearts and open our hands to give generously and with great joy. Use our humble offerings for the work of your kingdom to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

Acts 19:21-41 NRSV

21 Now after these things had been accomplished, Paul resolved in the Spirit to go through Macedonia and Achaia, and then to go on to Jerusalem. He said, "After I have gone there, I must also see Rome."
22 So he sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he himself stayed for some time longer in Asia.

23 About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way. 24 A man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the artisans. 25 These he gathered together, with the workers of the same trade, and said, "Men, you know that we get our wealth from this business. 26 You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods. 27 And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be scorned, and she will be deprived of her majesty that brought all Asia and the world to worship her."

28 When they heard this, they were enraged and shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" 29 The city was filled with the confusion; and people rushed together to the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's travel companions. 30 Paul wished to go into the crowd, but the disciples would not let him; 31 even some officials of the province of Asia, who were friendly to him, sent him a message urging him not to venture into the theater. 32 Meanwhile, some were shouting one thing, some another; for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. 33 Some of the crowd gave instructions to Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. And Alexander motioned for silence and tried to make a defense before the people. 34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours

all of them shouted in unison, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” 35 But when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, “Citizens of Ephesus, who is there that does not know that the city of the Ephesians is the temple keeper of the great Artemis and of the statue that fell from heaven? 36 Since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. 37 You have brought these men here who are neither temple robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess. 38 If therefore Demetrius and the artisans with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls; let them bring charges there against one another. 39 If there is anything further you want to know, it must be settled in the regular assembly. 40 For we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion.” 41 When he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: Two Ways of Living

The Acts of the Apostles: Witness to the Ends of the Earth

Notes

Application Questions

1. Wendell Berry wrote, “The teachers are everywhere. What is wanted is a learner.” What is life teaching you right now?
2. Survey the two ways of living in Acts 19. What does it reveal about life with God compared to life with other gods?
3. How can the word of the Lord give you a new imagination for an alternative way of life?

Confession of Sin

O Lord, you have mercy upon all - take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5 NRSV

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

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.

Wisdom and Grace (Psalm 90)

Teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to your ways.

O! Teach us to number our days
with wisdom and grace, wisdom and grace.
Wisdom and grace, wisdom and grace.

You've been our home and our dwelling,
our place in all generations.
Before the earth or the mountains were formed,
Lord, you were God.

Now the span of our lives,
it is made of sorrow and labor.
As the days pass away like the grass
how soon we are gone.

Let the work of our hands bring you praise,
set your favor upon us.

O establish the work of our hands,
may Your kingdom come!

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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.

Rejoice In All Your Works

Every mouth that cries for food,
every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light.
All creation looks to You for its breath and for its food,
from the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied.

Oh rejoice in all Your works,
King of Heaven, King of earth!
Every creature You have made declares Your praise.
We rejoice in all You've made, God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing Your praise!

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad.
All creation looks to You for its breath and for its food,
from the goodness of Your hand we're satisfied.

May the pond'rings of my heart
and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise.
To the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns!

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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 or using the QR code below.



Morning Prayer

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

Summer Potluck

Join us after the service today for a summer potluck with smoked brisket and pulled pork!

Encounter: A Night of Worship

Join the community of Oaks Parish, Warner Pacific University, and other churches nearby as we host a night of worship on Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm. Together we'll lift our voices in song and prayer for the neighborhood, the city, and beyond.

Summer Reading Groups

Connect with others this summer while diving into a good book! Starting mid-June we're offering three summer reading groups that will cultivate enriching discussions with others over a shared interest. Learn more at oaksparish.org/summerreading.

Golf Night at Eastmoreland

Kick off the summer season with our first (of many) golf nights on Thursday, June 15th at Eastmoreland Golf Course. All are welcome! Tee times start at 5:30pm. Email communitylife@oaksparish.org to reserve your spot by June 7th.