

Ordinary Time



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

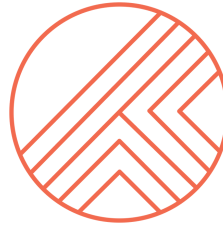
Gospel of Grace



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.

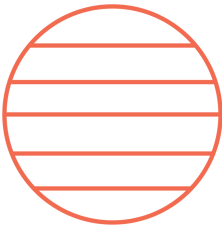
Faithful Presence



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.

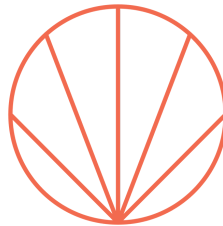
Formative Rhythms



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

Ernest Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms

If people bring so much courage to this world the world has to kill them to break them, so of course it kills them. The world breaks every one and afterward many are strong at the broken places. But those that will not break it kills. It kills the very good and the very gentle and the very brave impartially.

Willie James Jennings, Acts: A Theological Commentary

Paul is following Jesus as a body at great risk of death. God knows intimately what it means to be a body at risk in this world, a body in imminent danger. Paul now knows this too. But imminent danger is the reality of so many people in the world. So what then is the difference? Paul is showing us that God has drawn that risk into the divine life so that the risk and dangers that may confront us in life will not define our life. Indeed Paul here articulates his life redefined by the pain and hope of Jesus. Luke is giving us the beginnings of a cruciform existence, where my life has been taken from me and given back to me, but not as my own but as God's own life. The value of my life has been transferred to God, and I no longer hold it in my hands or by my efforts.

John Calvin, Commentary on Acts

Paul doth indeed speak of himself; yet, by his own example, he teacheth that all those go astray who have not God to be the governor of their course. Whereupon it followeth that his calling is unto every one of us a rule of good life.

Ben Witherington III, Acts: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary

If greed is seen as a sign in Acts of one's spiritual poverty, then Paul's attitude here is seen as a sign of his largeness of soul.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 119

The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.

**I implore your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.**

When I think of your ways,
I turn my feet to your decrees;

**I hurry and do not delay
to keep your commandments.**

Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous ordinances.

**The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes.**

Songs of Praise

Come and Rest

Have you been trying to move a mountain
and the mountain, it will not move?

Have you been struggling to remember
somebody is looking out for you?

Come and rest, come and rest,
come and rest, in the love of God.

Come and rest, come and rest,
come and rest, in the love of God.

Do you need a mother?

Do you need a father?

Oh everybody needs a friend.

And are you looking for the way home?

Do you wanna feel that peace again?

There's a time for all your working;
there's a time to put your hand to the plow.

Can you hear it?

Jesus is singing -

come and lay your burdens down!

Come and lay your burdens down!

Come and lay your burdens down!

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Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted,
bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
by the broken law convicted,
through the cross behold the crown.
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus,
mercy flows through him alone.

Take his easy yoke and wear it;
love will make your obedience sweet.
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
while his grace shall guide your feet.
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,
where his ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see him,
blest the ears that hear his voice.
Blessed are the souls that trust him,
and in him alone rejoice.
His commandments, his commandments, his commandments,
then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
light to newly opened eyes.
Like full springs in deserts dreary,
is the rest the cross supplies.
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it,
shall to rest immortal rise.

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Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6 NRSV

- 15 I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- 1 “Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- 2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- 3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
- 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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.

OP Kids Graduation Celebration

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 20:17-38 NRSV

17 From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. 18 When they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. 20 I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. 22 And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. 24 But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.

25 “And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. 26 Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. 29 I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. 34 You know for yourselves that I

worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. 35 In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”

36 When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. 37 There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: Last Words

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

Notes

Application Questions

1. Reflect on the impact of last words in your own life. How did those words shape your perspective or influence your actions?
2. Read Paul's words a few times slowly. In giving up his life to Christ, what did Paul gain in return and how does this give encouragement for faith in Christ?
3. Identify a specific area of your life where you recognize the need to submit to Christ's lordship. How might surrendering control in this area create space for God's grace to work?

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.

We Labor Unto Glory

My God, my God where e'er I go, glory.
Where I reap and where I sow, glory.
When my hands, they grip the thorn, glory.
In the still and in the storm, glory. Glory.

Oh we labor unto glory, till heaven and earth are one.
Oh we labor unto glory, until God's kingdom comes.

The sun, it shines and then goes down, glory.
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glory.
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glory.
Hearts, they burn beneath Your gaze, glory. Glory.

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound, glory.
Where thorns no longer curse the ground, glory.
Trim the wick, ignite the flame, glory.
My work, it will not be in vain, glory. Glory.

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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.

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God, to order and provide.
In every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know his voice
who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears.
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

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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.

Listen to the OP Podcast

Catch the latest sermon on the Oaks Parish podcast! Search "Oaks Parish" on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

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! We're offering three summer reading groups that will cultivate enriching discussions with others over a shared interest. Two groups kick off this week! Learn more at oaksparish.org/summerreading.

Family Promise Appreciation

As part of the TogetherPDX initiative, we're compiling notes of appreciation for the hard work of the Family Promise staff. Submit a note of gratitude and encouragement at oaksparish.org/family-promise,