

Ordinary Time



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

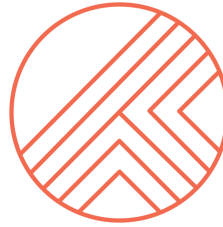
Gospel of Grace



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.

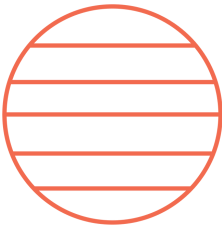
Faithful Presence



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.

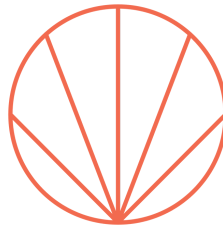
Formative Rhythms



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.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

The Lord is your keeper.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out
and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Songs of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing.

Oh praise Him, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam;
thou silver moon with softer gleam.

Oh praise him, oh praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong;
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along.

Oh praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice.

Oh praise Him, oh praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness.

Oh praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Oh praise Him, oh praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus;
come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,
rest here in his wondrous peace.

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,
satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
in the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer;
come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
rest here in his wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
he is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,
rest here in his wondrous peace.

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,
satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
in the goodness of Jesus.
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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:1-9 NRSV

1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3 while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8 All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. 9 And the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

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

Luke 2:1-21 NRSV

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up

all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mike Kelly: Advent Six Months Later

Notes

Application Questions

1. Luke subtly signals the divine reality behind the political power that seemed to be orchestrating the events surrounding Jesus' birth. Identify the 2 or 3 most significant social/political movements that concern you. Although you won't know exactly what God is doing, how does knowing his redemptive sovereignty rules all things help you experience peace and love your neighbors?
2. Over the decades after Christ's birth and for more than a century after, no one outside the Church understood how God had and was changing the world. How do you see our Savior King moving in the world around you?
3. The True King has a better "dogma" than Caesar. How does Jesus' Kingdom give us better rules to live by than the kingdoms of this world? How do live for him according to his ways in the world as it is?
4. How does living for Christ in the world make you a sojourner? What's freeing and what's challenging about that kind of life?
5. If you're a Christian, your primary allegiance is to Christ and his Kingdom. That makes you part of the "resistance." What parts of the world's ways need your most earnest, even as it's gracious, resistance? Be specific about your neighborhood, work place, or even your family.

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.

God With Us

You've come to bring peace,
to be love, to be nearer to us.
You've come to breathe life,
to be light, to shine brighter in us.
O Emmanuel, God with us.

Our deliverer, you are Savior;
In your presence we find our strength.
Over everything, our redemption,
God with us, you are God with us.

You've come to be hope
to this world, for your honor and name.
You've come to take sin,
to bear shame, and to conquer the grave.
O Emmanuel, God with us.

You are here, you are holy,
we are standing in your 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.

Almighty God

Almighty God to you all hearts are open;

search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.

Wash us in the fountain of your mercy.

Come with your light; we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God to you all hearts are open;

with gratitude we raise our song to you.

Come and fill the praises of your people.

In grace and truth, you make us new again.

Hallelujah

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Almighty God to you all hearts are open;

we long for more than what this world provides.

No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.

But your river deep, floods over everything.

Almighty God to you all hearts are open;

you take away our sickness and our sin.

O Lamb of God we gather at your table.

In bread and wine, you have supplied our needs.

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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.



Listen to the OP Podcast

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

Morning Prayer

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

Theology on Tap

How do we use our theological framework to engage current social issues? Join the discussion, led by Bryan Buck and Sean Jackson, every Sunday at 7pm, from July 9th through August 30th, at Horse Brass Pub. Sign up for the weekly readings at oaksparish.org/summerreading.

Summer Reading Groups

Jump into one of our summer reading groups! Designed to cultivate enriching discussions with others over a shared interest, you can attend week to week as your summer schedule allows. Learn more at oaksparish.org/summerreading