

Ordinary Time



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

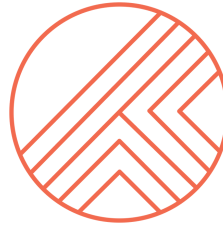
Gospel of Grace



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.

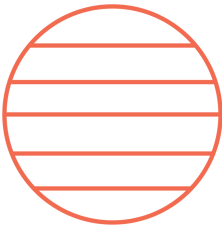
Faithful Presence



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.

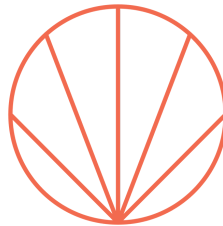
Formative Rhythms



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

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Hear my voice!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
who could stand?**

But there is forgiveness with you.

My soul waits for the Lord,
and in his word I hope.

O people of God, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**It is he who will redeem us from
from all our iniquities.**

Songs of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide Thee;
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee.

Perfect in power,
in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

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'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise
and to know thus says the Lord.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood.
And in simple faith to plunge me,
'neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
how I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O, for grace to trust Him more!

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease.
And from Jesus simply taking,
life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that He is with me,
will be with me to the end.

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New Testament Reading

Acts 22:1-16 NRSV

1 “Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense that I now make before you.” 2 When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said: 3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. 4 I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, 5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment.

6 “While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ 8 I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Then he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.’ 9 Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 I asked, ‘What am I to do, Lord?’ The Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.’ 11 Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus.

12 “A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, 13 came to me; and standing beside me, he said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight!’ In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. 14 Then he said, “The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; 15 for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.”

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 22:17-30 NRSV

17 “After I had returned to Jerusalem and while I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance 18 and saw Jesus saying to me, ‘Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ 19 And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. 20 And while the blood of your witness Stephen was shed, I myself was standing by, approving and keeping the coats of those who killed him.’ 21 Then he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

22 Up to this point they listened to him, but then they shouted, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.”

23 And while they were shouting, throwing off their cloaks, and tossing dust into the air, 24 the tribune directed that he was to be brought into the barracks, and ordered him to be examined by flogging, to find out the reason for this outcry against him. 25 But when they had tied him up with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who is uncondemned?” 26 When the centurion heard that, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? This man is a Roman citizen.” 27 The tribune came and asked Paul, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” And he said, “Yes.” 28 The tribune answered, “It cost me a large sum of money to get my citizenship.” Paul said, “But I was born a citizen.” 29 Immediately those who were about to examine him drew back from him; and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

30 Since he wanted to find out what Paul was being accused of by the Jews, the next day he released him and ordered the chief priests and the entire council to meet. He brought Paul down and had him stand before them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Quincy Robinson: Make Every Effort to be Relatable but Do NOT Compromise the Truth of the Gospel

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

Notes

Application Questions

1. What are some ways you can find common ground with your colleagues, certain family members, and/or next-door neighbor?
2. In what area(s)/situation(s) of your life do you feel that you compromise the gospel? Why do you compromise in this area and not other areas?

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.

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation;
bind us together in holy love.

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation;
bind us together in holy love.

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.

Three in one, three in one.

Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy!
Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy!
Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy!
Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy!

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion Three in One.
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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.

Golf Night at Rose City

Reserve your tee time for golf night at Rose City on Thursday, July 13th. All are welcome! Tee times start at 5:30pm. Reserve your spot by July 6th at communitylife@oaksparish.org.

Social Hour

Join us after the service on July 16th for coffee, donuts, and conversation.

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