

Ordinary Time



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

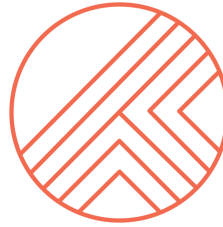
Gospel of Grace



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.

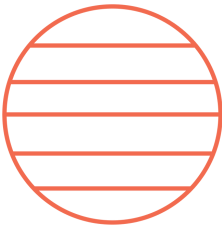
Faithful Presence



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.

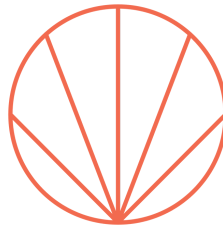
Formative Rhythms



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

Daniel Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*

I got over the fence, and laid me down in the shade to rest my limbs, for I was very weary, and fell asleep; but judge you, if you can, that read my story, what a surprise I must be in when I was awaked out of my sleep by a voice calling me by my name several times, “Robin, Robin, Robin Crusoe: poor Robin Crusoe! Where are you, Robin Crusoe? Where are you? Where have you been?” I was so dead asleep at first, being fatigued with rowing, or part of the day, and with walking the latter part, that I did not wake thoroughly; but dozing thought I dreamed that somebody spoke to me; but as the voice continued to repeat, “Robin Crusoe, Robin Crusoe,” at last I began to wake more perfectly, and was at first dreadfully frightened, and started up in the utmost consternation; but no sooner were my eyes open, but I saw my Poll sitting on the top of the hedge; and immediately knew that it was he that spoke to me; for just in such bemoaning language I had used to talk to him and teach him; and he had learned it so perfectly that he would sit upon my finger, and lay his bill close to my face and cry, “Poor Robin Crusoe! Where are you?”

Call to Worship

Psalm 135 NRSV

Praise the name of the Lord;
give praise, O servants of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious.**

For I know that the Lord is great;
our Lord is above all gods.

**The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

They have mouths, but they do not speak;
they have eyes, but they do not see.
They have ears, but they do not hear,
a nose, but there is no breath in their mouths.
Those who make them and all who trust them
shall become like them.

**Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.**

Songs of Praise

Invocation of the Light

Glory to God who has shown us the light!
Glory to God who has shown us the light!
Lead us from darkness to light,
lead us from sorrow to joy,
lead us from death into life, lead us.

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health.
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth.
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm.
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm.
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love.
Out of despair into raptures above.
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold.
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold.
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12 NRSV

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Gracious Father, you have blessed us with gifts beyond measure.
Teach us to be generous with everything we have. What you've given
us, we surrender to you. We long to see your kingdom come on earth
as it is in heaven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

Revelation 2:12-17 NRSV

12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 “I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice fornication. 15 So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

This is the word of the Lord.

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Sermon

Mike Kelly: The Gospel of the Whitestone

Notes

Confession of Sin

Holy Father, forgive us. Our shortcomings accuse us, and we kneel before you, asking you to heal and renew us by your mercy and grace. We confess our worship of idols in the place of you. We confess our self-righteousness and our self-serving actions. We confess our lack of trust in your power. Holy Father, forgive us. We long to dwell in your abiding love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:7-8 NRSV

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.

What more can he say than to you he has said?

To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Oh, how firm a foundation!

How firm a foundation for us!

Fear not I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid.

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.

For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

And sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.

The flame shall not hurt you, I only design,
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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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.

Send Out Your Light (Psalm 43)

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause,
against the deceitful man, O deliver us.

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Why have you rejected me?

I walk around confused.

Send out your light and truth,
let them lead me.

Bring me to your holy hill,
to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God, my exceeding joy.

Then I will praise him with my guitar,
oh my joy, my joy.

Oh my joy, my joy.

Why are you cast down low, o my soul?

Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him.

Hope in God, for he is my salvation.

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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/#weekly

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 every Sunday at 7pm, from July 9th through August 30th, at Horse Brass Pub. Sign up for the weekly readings at oaksparish.org/summerreading.

Social Hour

Join us after the service today for coffee, donuts, and conversation.

Potluck with the Robbins Family

Daniel and Bethany Robbins and family, our missional partners in Malawi, will join us for worship on Sunday, July 23rd! After the service we'll hear updates on their work during a potluck. Bring a dish to share (main and side dishes are needed).

Family Promise Volunteering & Appreciation

Sign up to provide a meal or offer overnight support for families transitioning out of homelessness between July 23-29. Go to oaksparish.org/family-promise. We're also 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

Newcomers Gathering

New to Oaks Parish? We'd love to share with you about our mission, vision, and community. Join us for lunch on July 30th, after the service. Please RSVP on the Visitor Form at oaksparish.org/visitor. We look forward to getting to know you better!