

Ordinary Time



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

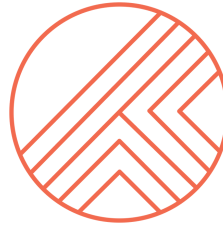
Gospel of Grace



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.

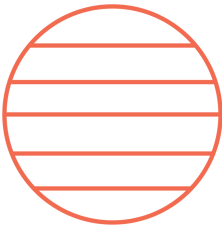
Faithful Presence



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.

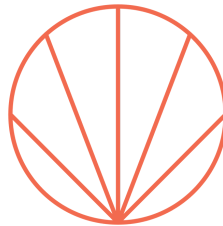
Formative Rhythms



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

Harvey Kwiyani, Substack: Global Witness, Globally Reimagined

I am persuaded that the gospel comes to us with a multicultural imperative. The vitality of the worldwide Body of Christ depends on the mutual exchange between its parts (Eph. 4). All parts must receive from other parts. All parts must give some things to other parts. No part is self-sufficient. And, of course, no part belongs in the body without a gift. No member of the Body can say to another, “I do not need you” (1 Cor. 12:21). In a nutshell, there is neither first-class nor second-class members in the Body of Christ. But how does this work in practice? One way to think about this is that in Christ, God has drawn us together to the heavenly table where God alone is host and we are all guests. The table metaphor makes it possible to think about all of us bringing and sharing our authentic cultural foods in God’s presence. To taste the gifts of another part of the Body—of brothers and sisters from another part of the world—all you need to do is look around the table. This works well when we successfully curb the urge to dominate and assimilate one another into our ways of doing things but, instead, embrace diversity for what it is, a gift from God. Given the global dynamics of our segregated existence, the challenge is whether we can actually all be guests at God’s table. This needs a great deal of self-emptying for all of us, a letting-go of our power and entitlement (Phil. 2). There is no need for those at the edges to parrot what the powerful and influential among us are saying and doing in order to be accepted. An older and wiser friend of mine, a white American man, led a multicultural congregation that was a safe space for asylum seekers in St Paul, Minnesota. When I visited him, he told me, “In this church, we are all foreigners.” The key to his theological conviction was that Christ decentres us all so he can be our one and only Centre.

Harvey Kwiyani, Substack: Global Witness, Globally Reimagined

Mission without colonialism is possible. If Jesus’ mission needed imperialism, he would have grown up in Rome.

Call to Worship

Psalm 136 NRSV

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His steadfast love endures forever!

Give thanks to the Lord, who alone does great wonders;
who by understanding made the heavens;
who spread out the earth on the waters;
who made the great lights.

His steadfast love endures forever!

Give thanks to the Lord, who struck Egypt through their firstborn,
and brought Israel out from among them;
who divided the Red Sea in two,
and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
but overthrew Pharaoh and his army.

His steadfast love endures forever!

Who led his people through the wilderness,
who made water flow from the rock,
who struck down great kings, and
gave their land as a heritage to his servant Israel.

**O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Songs of Praise

Lord of All My Days

My soul is restless;
I'm endlessly striving.
I boast in my strength, my stride;
they have driven me.

So far, I run so far,
and in your mercy Lord,
you silence and still my soul,
make me whole.

Draw me up, draw me in,
teach me how to rest again.
You are Lord of all my days.
Lift me up, lift my head,
turn my eyes to you again.
You are Lord of all my days.
You are Lord of all my days.

Pull back these ribs,
you show me my heart so cold.
Breathing new life to
these hollow bones.

Come all you weary, heavy and laden;
Jesus is ready, rise anew.

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NRSV

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 NRSV

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Daniel Robbins: The Spirit's Global Gifts

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.

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.

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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.

Our Song in the Night

In the darkness, can you hear us?
When the night comes, are we alone?
Have you forgotten all of your children?
When we remember you, we groan,
but our hearts cannot be silent.

O God, be our song in the night,
when the light is gone.
God, be our hope, be our strength,
be our sheltering place.
Our song in the night.

We are broken; are we forsaken?
Has your love gone down with the sun?
And your mercy through all history,
is it abandoned and, undone?
But our hearts cannot be silent.

Our song in the night.
Our song in the night.
Our song in the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your road, it led me, down to the Red Sea.
The waters trembled, You made a way.
You raised Your arm and led me to dry land.
Lord, will You hear us when we say.
that our hearts cannot be silent.

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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 *NEW Location!*

The Theology on Tap reading group meets weekly on Sunday evening at 7pm, now at Belmont Station. Engage in discussion around some current social and cultural issues through a theological framework. Learn more at oaksparish.org/summerreading

Potluck with the Robbins Family

Welcome to Daniel and Bethany Robbins and family, our missional partners in Malawi! Hear more about their life and work at the potluck after today's service.

Family Promise Appreciation

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

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!

Golf at Eastmoreland

Oaks Parish golfers are invited to Eastmoreland on August 10th! Tee times start at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to communitylife@oaksparish.org by August 2nd to reserve your tee time.