

Ordinary Time



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## Our Mission

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

## Our Core Values

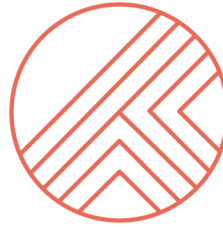
### Gospel of Grace



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.

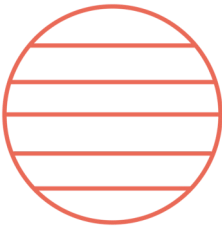
### Faithful Presence



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.

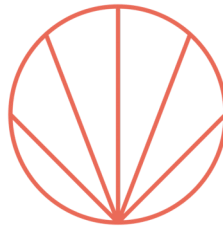
### Formative Rhythms



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

### Isaac Newton, "I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow", (1779)

These inward trials I employ,  
From self, and praise, to set thee free;  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,  
That thous may'st find they all in Me.

### Dane Ortland, Deeper

Around Jesus, sinners—those who know themselves to be sinners—felt safe. They find themselves both known to be guilty and embraced in love, rather than one or the other. Our felt shame is what draws Jesus in. He is the mighty friend of sinners. And what other kind of Savior will do? Who of us could really get fresh traction in our lives if we were following a Savior who kept at a safe distance? Who treated us not like friends but like employees? But if this is a Savior who draws near to us, who is repelled only by self-righteousness but never by acknowledged shame and weakness, there is no limit to just how deep a transformation is possible in us. It is at our point of deepest guilt and regret that his friendship embraces us most assuredly, most steadfastly.

### Darryl Bock, Luke

A question to ponder is why those outside the faith, like tax collectors and sinners, were so drawn to Jesus. What did they sense from him that made his message of interest to them?

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 146 NRSV*

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live!**

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

The Lord, who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

## Songs of Praise

### Our Great God

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### Living Hope

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## Old Testament Reading

### I Kings 8:1-3, 9-11, 22-30 NRSV

1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2 All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. 9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. 22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. 23 He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, 24 the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. 25 Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! 28 Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; 29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. 30 Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

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

Heavenly Father, when we look around, we see your immense blessing in our lives and we see great need. Because we believe that everything we have belongs to you, we trust you to provide for the needs of our community, our city, and the whole world. Lead us to use the resources you've blessed us with wisely and generously. With these offerings today, we worship you and give our whole selves to be used for the glory of your Kingdom. Amen.

### Passing of the Peace

## New Testament Reading

### Luke 7:36-50 NRSV

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. 37 And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." 41 "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48 Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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## Sermon

Bryan Buck: The Gospel of Grace  
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## Notes

### Application Questions

1. What is your next step with discipleship in Jesus?
2. To what community has God called you to be on mission?
3. How will you prioritize “life together” here at Oaks Parish?



## Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have tried to plant our roots in all the wrong places. We have failed to pursue your justice, to seek you in the rhythms of our lives, to attune our hearts to your gospel of grace, and to love our neighbors. By your grace, root our identities, our callings, our lives in you and your kingdom. Forgive us for the sins of our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, and lead us into your abundant life. In Your Son's name we pray, amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Ephesians 1:3, 7-8 NRSV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

## 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.

# Who You Say I Am

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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

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.

## Jesus Paid It All

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## Benediction

## Doxology

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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

Thanks for joining us today - we would love to connect with you! Jot down your name and email address on the postcard found in your worship guide and drop it in an offering basket before you leave so we can get to know you.

## How to Use Postcards

- Let us know you're visiting
- Sign up for the weekly email
- Share a prayer request
- RSVP for an event
- Connect with pastoral staff

Drop your postcard in an offering basket before you leave today!

## Listen to the OP Podcast

Search "Oaks Parish" on Apple Podcasts and Spotify to catch up on the latest sermons.

## Morning Prayer

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

## Sunday AM Volunteers Needed!

We need a few more helping hands on Sunday mornings to serve our volunteer teams once a month.

Current needs include the Tech team and teachers and helpers for OP Kids. Email [martha@oaksparish.org](mailto:martha@oaksparish.org) for more info.

## Newcomers Gathering

Learn more about the vision, mission, and community of Oaks Parish at Newcomers Gathering on Sunday, September 24th, directly following the service! Lunch will be provided. Use a postcard to RSVP today!

## Fall Congregational Meeting

Members and regular attenders, please mark your calendars for our fall congregational meeting on Sunday, October 1st after the service. We will provide updates on the life of our church and share about the ministry year ahead.

## Advent Vocal Group

Come lift your voice! The Oaks Parish Advent Vocal Group will have an initial gathering on Oct 1 from 4-6 PM for a reading and happy hour social, with a target singing date of Dec 17. Some music reading ability/prior choral experience will be helpful. Email [alex@oaksparish.org](mailto:alex@oaksparish.org) for more info.