

## WELCOME

Welcome to Oaks Parish.

It is our aim that during this season of heightened awareness and caution regarding COVID19 that we persist in carrying out our mission and core values to the best of our ability while doing what we can to follow CDC guidelines and keep everyone safe. Our worship service is available online as well as in person, and if you are worshipping with us in person and have yet to RSVP, we would ask that you sign your name to the list in the lobby in the case that contact tracing is necessary.

## OP KIDS: GUIDES FOR LENT & EASTER

The seasons of Lent and Easter are wonderful opportunities to unpack the beauty of the gospel with kids in a fun and engaging way. To this end, we have guides for Lent and Easter available in service today as well as online. If you have further questions, please contact Marylu Gray ([kids@oaksparish.org](mailto:kids@oaksparish.org)).

## THE BOOK OF JONAH

Jonah was a man of faith wrestling with the love of God amidst culturally turbulent times. A fitting story for the season of Lent and Easter, Jonah invites us to look into our hearts as we grasp the mercy of God in Christ. For a deeper dive into Jonah, we recommend Tim Keller's book *Prodigal Prophet* for adults. For families, check out the resource guide available in-person today and online in the resource section of our website.

## NEWCOMERS GATHERING TODAY

New to Oaks Parish? Join us for Newcomers Gathering today, directly after service. At Newcomers you'll hear the story, values, and mission of Oaks Parish. It also gives us the chance to get to know you.

## TECH TEAM NEEDS YOU!

OP Tech team is in need of 2 new volunteers! The service requirement would be once per month. A basic understanding of YouTube and an interest in listening to music is helps-but no experience is necessary. Training on equipment and procedures will be provided. If you are interested in serving not the OP Tech Team, please email "I'm interested!" to [tech@oaksparish.org](mailto:tech@oaksparish.org) for more information.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING 3/3

Join us on Wednesday, March 3 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the sanctuary for our women's discipleship gathering, looking at the Psalms as a guide for flourishing. The gathering includes a short devotion followed by a time in small groups to connect and process. To join by Zoom, please RSVP to Amanda Buck ([amanda@oaksparish.org](mailto:amanda@oaksparish.org)).



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A HOLY COMMON PLACE

## OUR MISSION

To follow Jesus in making disciples for the flourishing of Portland, the Pacific Northwest, and the world.

## OUR CORE VALUES



GOSPEL OF GRACE



FORMATIVE RHYTHMS



FAITHFUL PRESENCE



EXTENDED FAMILY

## QUOTES FOR REFLECTION

TIM KELLER, *PRODIGAL PROPHET*

Jonah wants a God of his own making, a God who simply smites the bad people, for instance, the wicked Ninevites and blesses the good people, for instance, Jonah and his countrymen. When the real God—not Jonah’s counterfeit—keeps showing up, Jonah is thrown into fury or despair. Jonah finds the real God to be an enigma because he cannot reconcile the mercy of God with his justice. How, Jonah asks, can God be merciful and forgiving to people who have done such violence and evil? How can God be both merciful and just?

LECRAE, FORWARD TO JEMAR TISBY’S *THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE*

As Christians, when we read the Bible, we recognize that events that happened thousands of years ago are still relevant today. We also see that Scripture never hides the ugly parts of history when it comes to the people of God. The Bible reveals David’s adultery, Jonah’s selfishness, and Peter’s failure of faith. Just as we can’t take out the parts of the Bible that we don’t like or that make us uncomfortable, we can’t celebrate the shining moments of the American church’s history and then ignore the shameful aspects of that history. We either fully acknowledge the entire history or dismiss it all. The truth about humanity’s heritage turns a mirror on our souls and pushes us to recognize who we truly are and who we are not.

## 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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## 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

ALL:

Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.

## 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.

Thomas Ken (1674)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 132*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering, and of great kindness.

**The Lord is loving to everyone,  
and his mercy is over all his works.**

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants give thanks to you.

**They speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and talk of your power.**

That your power may be known to the children of men,  
even the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.**

Let us pray

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### 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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### ANOTHER IN THE FIRE

There's a grace when the heart is under fire;  
another way when the walls are closing in  
And when I look at the space between, where I used to be, and this reckoning  
I know I will never be alone  
There was another in the fire, standing next to me  
There was another in the waters, holding back the seas  
And should I ever need reminding, of how I've been set free  
There is a cross that bears the burden, where another died for me  
There is another in the fire

All my debt left for dead beneath the waters;  
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore  
And should I fall in the space between, what remains of me, and this reckoning  
Either way I won't bow to the things of this world  
I know I will never be alone  
There is another in the fire, standing next to me  
There is another in the waters, holding back the seas  
And should I ever need reminding, what power set me free  
There is a grave that holds no body, and now that power lives in me  
There is another in the fire

And I can see the light in the darkness, as the darkness bows to him  
I can hear the roar in the heavens, as the space between wears thin  
I can feel the ground shake beneath us, as the prison walls cave in  
Nothing stands between us

There is no other name but the name that is Jesus, he who was, and still is, and  
will be through it all  
So come what may in the space between, all the things unseen, and this  
reckoning  
I know I will never be alone  
There'll be another in the fire, standing next to me  
There'll be another in the waters, holding back the seas  
And should I ever need reminding, how good you've been to me  
I'll count the joy come every battle, 'cause I know that's where you'll be

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare all those who confess their faults.  
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name.  
Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Psalm 103:11-14*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

## OFFERING PRAYER

King Jesus, you gave your life in order that we might have life and have it abundantly. In light of your love, we offer our lives in worship. You alone are the true and everlasting treasure of our heart and so we offer these tithes and offerings, trusting you with our lives. Please bless these gifts to make your love known in Portland, the Pacific Northwest, and the world. Blessed be your glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with your glory!

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MERCY'S REIGN

Light, You are light, Jesus One and Only  
Good, You are good, so full of truth and grace  
Bright, You are bright, no dark can dim Your glory  
Kind, You are kind, Your yoke means mercy's reign

You make light in shine in our dark  
and in our hearts-O Beautiful!  
You still pursue us through our loss  
and bear our cross-O Merciful!

One, You are One, Three from the beginning  
Friend, You are friend, to reveal Your heart of hearts  
Bold, You are bold, You bear away our sinning  
Love, You are love, and this world is Your art

You make light in shine in our dark  
and in our hearts-O Beautiful!  
You still pursue us through our loss  
and bear our cross-O Merciful!  
You hide Your face from the wise  
yet show the child-O Wonderful!  
You call me close and take my pride  
and say "this died"-O Lord my God!

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Music

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Jonah 1

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

4 But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

7 And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” 9 And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

11 Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” 13 Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

14 Therefore they called out to the Lord, “O Lord, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” 15 So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

17 And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

## SERMON

Bryan Buck: Jonah’s Decision

Sermon Series: Jonah

## NOTES

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Jonah thought he could flee from the presence of God. As you think about your life right now, what is drawing you toward God and what is drawing you away from him?
2. What does Jonah teach us about making either race or nationalism our ultimate identity?
3. In God’s common grace, Jonah was pointed back to God by sailors who did not know the Lord. How could our broader culture be pointing the church back to Jesus right now?