

### 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.

### SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR 3/21

Stay after church Sunday, March 21 for Sunday Social Hour! A new monthly initiative, Sunday Social Hour will include coffee and donuts served outside, giving everyone a chance to talk and linger in a safe way. If you're new to Oaks Parish, we hope this will give you a way to connect with others in our community. For questions related to this new initiative, please contact Amanda Buck.

### PHOTO DAY 3/21

Oaks Parish will be launching a new website soon that will feature genuine photos from our community. On Sunday, March 21 a professional photographer will be with us to capture our Sunday morning experience. Like a ninja, the photographer will work in the background getting shots of worship, volunteers, casual conversations, and family corners. If you do not want your picture on the website, please email Hallie Creswell and photos that include you will be excluded from the website ([hallie.creswell@gmail.com](mailto:hallie.creswell@gmail.com)).

### 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.



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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

### BILL CLEM, “GOSPEL PARADIGM AUDIT”

Our culture is so transactional that forgiveness is more like a pardon rather than a relationship.

### JEMAR TISBY, *THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE*

Le Jau was more ardent than many European missionaries in his desire to convert indigenous peoples and Africans. He labored to convince slave-owning men that people of color were not mere beasts without souls. To make his case, he had to assuage fears that slaves would demand emancipation once they became Christian. So from the beginning of American colonization, Europeans crafted a Christianity that would allow them to spread the faith without confronting the exploitative economic system of slavery and the emerging social inequality based on color.

### TIM KELLER, *PRODIGAL PROPHET*

despite his breakthrough here, Jonah has not grasped grace as deeply as we might at first think he has. There is still a sense of superiority and self-righteousness that will cause him to explode in anger when God has mercy on those Jonah sees as his inferiors. He sees the literal idols that the pagans worship and doesn't see the more subtle idols in his own life that keep him from fully grasping that he too, just like the heathen, lives only, equally by God's grace. God releases Jonah from the fish even though, as will become obvious soon, his repentance is only partial. Yet the merciful God patiently works with us, flawed and clueless though we are.

## 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 95*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
O come, let us adore him.

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God  
and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are all the depths of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

O come, let us worship and fall down,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Let us pray

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### THE INVITATION

Oh that You'd come tear open the sky  
That You'd come down, that You'd come down  
Oh that the mountains would tremble inside  
That You'd come down, that You'd come down

As fire burns away all the lies  
Won't You come down, won't You come down  
Your fire brings our souls alive  
Jesus come down, Jesus come down,  
Jesus come down

We have come to meet with You  
To follow and love, to take hold of You  
We have come to worship You  
To honor and know, to bow before You  
Jesus come down, Jesus come down,  
Jesus come down

You are our Father we are the clay  
Won't You come down, won't You come down  
You are the potter so mold us today  
Won't You come down, won't You come down

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### TAKE MY LIFE

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Your love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my silver and my gold  
not a cent would I withhold  
take my intellect and use  
Every power as You would choose  
Every power as You would choose

Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee  
Ever only all for Thee

Frances Ridley Havergal (1874)

## 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 Jonah 2:7-9*

When my life was fainting away,  
I remembered the Lord,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.  
Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.  
But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs to the Lord!

## 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!

## 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!

Paul Ramey & Alex Davis 2011@Imago Dei  
Music

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Jonah 1

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying,

“I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.

3 For you cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.

4 Then I said, ‘I am driven away  
from your sight;  
yet I shall again look  
upon your holy temple.’

5 The waters closed in over me to take my life;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped about my head  
6 at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the pit,  
O Lord my God.

7 When my life was fainting away,  
I remembered the Lord,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.

8 Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs to the Lord!”

10 And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry  
land.

## SERMON

Bryan Buck: Jonah’s Song

Sermon Series: Jonah

## NOTES

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How can you relate to Jonah’s experience of sinking to the depths?
2. Jonah began to discover that his “root” wasn’t producing the right “fruit.” What’s the fruit of your life right now and what does it tell you about your root? What can happen if the gospel becomes your root?
3. “Our culture is so transactional that forgiveness is more like a pardon rather than a relationship.” How does God’s gospel of grace change how we approach the wounds of division in our culture today?