

Eastertide



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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

VISION FOR CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

- To see our children be raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to go forth as disciples making disciples in Portland and the world.
- For our church to support and teach parents in raising their children to be disciples.
- For our church community to intentionally be involved in discipling children according to Scriptures, aligned to our core values.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 127

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, the watchman keeps vigil in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early, and take rest so late, and eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift that comes from him.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth.

**Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
he shall not be ashamed when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
And in the arms of my dear Savior,
there are, ten thousand charms.

Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry until your better,
You will never come at all.

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BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my Heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my Power.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord

People:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Bryan Buck: It Takes a Parish for Children to Flourish

Sermon Series: It Takes a Parish

NOTES

STORIES OF GRACE

KRISTEN KILL

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I 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.
I 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.

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

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me.

The world behind me, the cross before me.

The world behind me, the cross before me.

No turning back, no turning back.

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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.

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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

Welcome to Oaks Parish. It is our aim that during this season of heightened awareness and caution regarding COVID-19 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.

FORGOT TO RSVP?

Please help us adhere to the Multnomah County guidelines for safe gathering. Sign in on the sheet at the entrance or scan this QR code!



SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR TODAY

Stay after church today for our monthly Sunday Social Hour! Sunday Social Hour includes coffee and donuts served outside, giving everyone a chance to talk and mingle 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. With questions, email amanda@oaksparish.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH COMPASSION

CONNECT HEALTH CLINIC - 5/1

Volunteer with other local churches at Compassion Connect Health Clinic SE on May 1. Compassion Connect provides free health and care services in the name of Jesus. Volunteers are needed on Friday, April 30 to set up and on Saturday, May 1 to assist guests. Contact Jim Hawthorne at jim@oaksparish.org or 805-215-2858 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRANSITION PROJECTS

Volunteers are needed for multiple dates to minister to our unhoused neighbors. Please see your weekly email for more information or email Beckie Kruse at beckie@oaksparish.org.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING CANCELLED

We will not be gathering on Wednesday, April 28th, but you can join us at our next gathering on Wednesday, May 12th!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 5/16

Mark your calendars for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 16 after church. More details to come!

SAVE THE DATE:

OP CAMPING TRIP - 7/28-8/1

Oaks Parish Camping Trip 2021 is on the books! From July 28 - August 1, we will head up towards Mt. Adams to the Atkisson Group Campsite. Look for sign-up details soon!