

SANCTIFICATION



Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

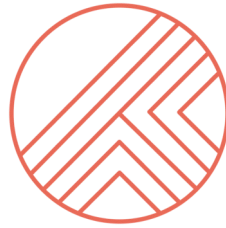
Gospel of Grace



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.

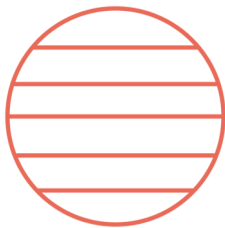
Faithful Presence



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.

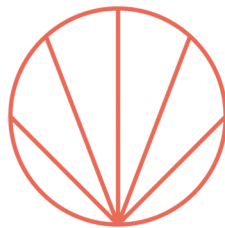
Formative Rhythms



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

C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

It is safe to tell the pure in heart that they shall see God, for only the pure in heart want to.

John of the Cross, The Ascent to Mount Carmel

One dark night,
fired with love's urgent longings
-ah, the sheer grace!-
I went out unseen,
my house being now all stilled.

Dane Ortlund, Deeper

Our natural instinct tell us that the way forward in the Christian life is by avoiding pain so that, in distracted, we can get down to the business at hand of growing in Christ. The New Testament tell us again and again, however, that pain is a means, not an obstacle, to deepening in Christian maturity. The anguish, disappointments, and futility that afflict us are themselves vital building blocks to our growth...Pain will foster growth like nothing else can-if we will let it.

J.C. Ryle, Holiness

As a general rule, in the long run of life, it will be found true that sanctified people are the happiest people on earth. They have solid comforts that the world can neither give nor take away.

Song of Praise

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted,
bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
by the broken law convicted,
through the cross behold the crown.
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus,
look to Jesus, mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
love will make your obedience sweet.
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
while His grace shall guide your feet.
Safe to glory, safe to glory,
safe to glory, where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him;
blest the ears that hear His voice.
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,
and in Him alone rejoice.
His commandments, His commandments,
His commandments then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary;
light to newly opened eyes.
Like full springs in deserts dreary
is the rest the cross supplies.
All who taste it, all who taste it,
all who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

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The Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

Kyrie, Eleison

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Note: The use of the Greek phrase Kyrie Eleison dates back to the New Testament as people asked Jesus for healing. The Kyrie began to appear in church liturgies in the 4th century. While Western churches tend to view it through a penitential lens, asking mercy for our sins, the early church utilized this prayer instead to highlight the beauty and depth of God's mercy as he heals our hurts and provides for our daily needs. It brings us face to face with our compassionate God who hears our prayers.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways
and because of their iniquities endured affliction.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.**

He sent out his word and healed them
and delivered them from destruction.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy!**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9 NRSV

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." 6 Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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.

Abide Reflection

Abide Retreat: Ben & Sasha Cox

Offering Prayer

Generous God, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice, and love in the world.

Amen.

Prayer for the Discipleship of Our Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:1-17 NRSV

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—“My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; 6 for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.” 7 Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? 8 If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. 9 Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. 11 Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. 16 See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. 17 You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: Sanctification: The Battle for Life
Holiness

Notes

Application Questions

1. How has God used pain to draw you into deeper relationship with himself?
2. To use a phrase of John of the Cross, what “appetite” is hindering holiness in your life? How can looking to Christ bring quiet to your soul?
3. Holiness is happiness. How does this reality change your life with Jesus this week?

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 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 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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Confession of Sin

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

from Psalm 51

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5 NRSV

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

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.

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.

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment; You are forever.
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor; You are eternal.
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken; You are the healer.
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
bowing before You, blessing Your name.

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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!

Morning Prayer

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

Evening Prayer During Lent

Lean into the Lenten season with evening prayer every Sunday during Lent (until March 24) from 7-8:30pm. This week will be hosted at the home of Rob & Karen Howells. Email rob@thehowellsgroup.com for more details.

Reflections for Lent

Listen to the weekly reflections of Scripture and prayer on the Oaks Parish Podcast (on Apple Podcasts or Spotify) or download a PDF at oaksparish.org/lent.

Newcomers Gathering 3/17

New(er) to Oaks Parish? Stay for lunch on Sunday, March 17th and we'll share more with you about the story, mission, and vision of our community. Please RSVP to martha@oaksparish.org.

Good Friday 3/29

Join us on March 29th at 7:30pm as we remember the death and burial of our Lord Jesus with a service of Scripture, song, and solemn reflection.

Easter Potluck & Egg Hunt

We'll celebrate the resurrection on March 31st with our Sunday morning liturgy at 10am.

Following the service, join us for an Easter lunch potluck. We'll provide the main dish and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share. Children are invited to participate in an egg hunt after lunch.