



EASTER

Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

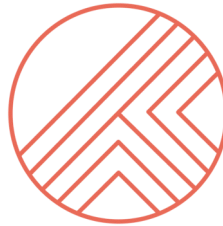
Gospel of Grace



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.

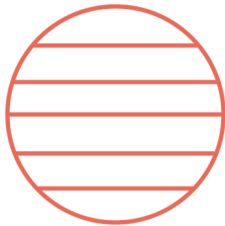
Faithful Presence



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

Cornelius À Lapide, The Great Commentary

The earth which trembled with horror at the death of Christ, as it were leaped with joy at the resurrection.

Michale J. Wilkins, Matthew

The stone that was sealed by the guards to assure that the body of Jesus would remain in the crypt now becomes the seat of triumph for the angel. The stone is rolled away, not to let the risen Jesus out but to let the women in to witness the fact of the empty tomb.

N.T. Wright, Matthew for Everyone

The point, of course, is that what is happening is the action of God himself. The God who remained apparently silent on Good Friday is having the last word. He is answering the unspoken questions of Jesus' followers, and the spoken question of Jesus himself on the cross. And what God is doing is not just an extraordinary miracle, a display of supernatural power for its own sake, or a special favour to Jesus. What God is doing is starting something new, beginning the new world promised long ago, sending the disciples to Galilee in the first place but then, as we shall see, on to the ends of the earth and the close of the age with the news of what has happened. A whole new world was opening up in front of them.

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favourite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end: submit with every fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

The Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song of Praise

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Words and Music Charles Wesley © 1739
CCLI License # 11355776

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

Choral Anthem

The Strife Is O'er

Words © 1695; Music by Giovanni da Palestrina, 1591
CCLI License # 11355776

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9 NRSV

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with
marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

8 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

God of great gifts:
This morning we give you praise,
we give you glory, we give you thanks!
With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our minds are tuned to your song of peace!
We joyfully present these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 NRSV

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: The Holiness of the Lord
Holiness

Notes

Application Questions

1. What are you looking for this Easter morning?
2. Why is giving up yourself necessary to finding your real self in Jesus?
3. How is God calling you to belong here at Oaks Parish, so that others can believe?

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us;
how high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished; the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever;
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain;
there's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise;
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Words & Music by Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham
© Bethel Music Publishing and Remaining portion is unaffiliated
CCLI License # 11355776

Confession of Sin

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.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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 is 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.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground, His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

I find my strength, I find my hope;
I find my help, in Christ alone.
When fear assails, when darkness falls,
I find my peace, in Christ alone.

I give my life, I give my all,
I sing my song, to Christ alone.
The King of Kings, the Lord of All,
all heaven sings, to Christ alone.

Words and Music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
© 2001 Thankyou Music
CCLI License # 11355776

Benediction

All Glory Be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am,
the faithful and the true,
the Lamb who was for sinners slain
is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
and be our steadfast light,
and we shall e'er his people be
all glory be to Christ.

All glory be to Christ our king,
all glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
all glory be to Christ.

Words & Music by Dustin Kensrue

© 2012 Dead Bird Theology (Admin. by Mars Hill Church Inc.) and It's All
About Jesus Music (Admin. by Mars Hill Church Inc.)

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.

oaks parish

Bryan Buck	bryan@oaksparish.org	Lead Pastor
Karen Howells	karen@oaksparish.org	Director of Women's Formation
Martha Van Houten	martha@oaksparish.org	Director of Parish Formation
Alex Wenig	alex@oaksparish.org	Director of Music
OP Kids	kids@oaksparish.org	
Community Life	communitylife@oaksparish.org	

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!

Easter Sunday

OPKids is taking a break this week so we can celebrate the resurrection together as a whole extended family. Coloring sheets are available at the welcome desk for kids. After the service, please join us for an Easter lunch potluck and egg hunt for the kids.

Morning Prayer

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

Membership Gathering 4/7

If you're looking to make Oaks Parish your home, stay for lunch on Sunday, April 7th to learn more about membership. Please RSVP to martha@oaksparish.org.

Family Promise Volunteers Needed 4/7-4/14

Serve our houseless neighbors by volunteering to provide meals and offer support for participating families during our week of service April 7-14.

Learn more and volunteer at oaksparish.org/family-promise.