

Eastertide



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

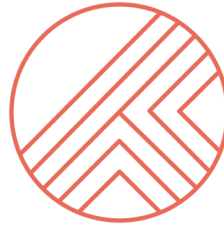
Gospel of Grace



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.

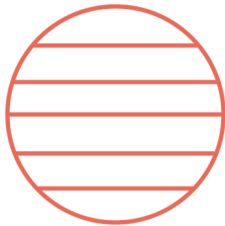
Faithful Presence



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.

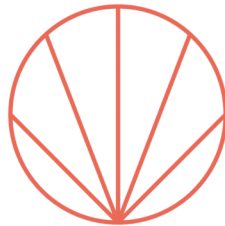
Formative Rhythms



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

Mary Shelley, Frankenstein

I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. It was already one in the morning; the rain pattered dismally against the panes, and my candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs.

Song of Praise

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty will do,
if with His love he befriend thee!

Praise thou the Lord,
who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health,
and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
hath not He brought thee relief,
spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the "Amen!"
sound from His people again.
Gladly for e'er we adore Him.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 71

In you, O LORD, have I put my trust;
let me never be put to shame.

**Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my rock and my refuge,
where I may always return;
you have promised to help me,
for you are my stronghold and my fortress.

**Deliver me, O my God,
out of the hand of the ungodly,
the unrighteousness, and the cruel.**

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;
you have done great things. Who is like you, O God?

**O let my mouth be filled with your praise,
that I may sing of your glory all the day long.**

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove; Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold; Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 4:1-5 NRSV

1 In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,
2 and many nations shall come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;

4 but they shall all sit under their own vines
and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

5 For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
forever and ever.

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.

Prayer for the Discipleship of Our Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our church 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.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Text Readings

Psalm 133 NRSV

1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Hebrews 12:1-2 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pat Roach: Communion of the Saints

Notes

Application Questions

1. Where is Jesus present in the world? In Portland and the Metro Area? How do you know?
2. Who or what is it that compels you to be a part of Oaks Parish?
3. When you look around (Portland, Oaks, the mirror), do you see a need for freedom or legal strategies of behavior modification?

The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus;
come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
rest here in His wondrous peace.

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus,
satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may,
that I rest all my days
in the goodness of Jesus.

Come find what this world cannot offer;
come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;
rest here in His wondrous peace.

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Confession of Sin

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2 NRSV

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
His mercy endures; His love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord
tell their story.
Those he redeemed from the hand
of the enemy.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
for His unfailing love.
Let us raise up our voice
with songs of joy.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His mercy endures; His love endures;
His mercy endures; His love endures;
His mercy endures; His love endures forever.

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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!

Oaks Parish Podcast

The OP Podcast is taking a short break and will be back with all new episodes the week of April 21st! You will continue to find sermon replays available every week on Apple Podcasts and Spotify (search "Oaks Parish").

Morning Prayer

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

Covenant Family Class 4/28

Do you have questions about how to help your child follow Jesus, how they receive baptism and communion, or how our vision for children's ministry supports the development of faith? If so, join us for our Covenant Family Class directly after service on Sunday, April 28th. This will be a time of shared learning, so please bring your questions and your answers! Lunch and childcare are provided so please RSVP by Thursday, April 25th to martha@oaksparish.org.

Baby Shower 5/5

All OP Women are invited to shower Deb and baby Hill with love, prayer, and gifts on May 5th from 12-2:30pm (location TBA). Please bring a handwritten card with 1 or 2 sentences of your best advice. A registry can be found on Babylist. Please RSVP to karen@oaksparish.org!