

Eastertide



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

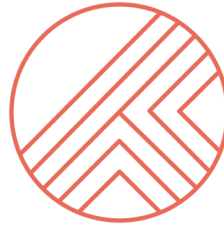
Gospel of Grace



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.

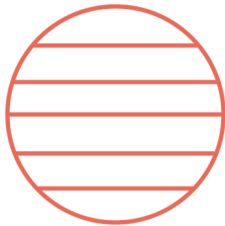
Faithful Presence



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.

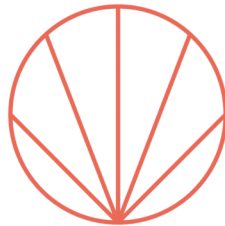
Formative Rhythms



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

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Ethics

Do and dare what is right, not swayed by the whim of the moment. Bravely take hold of the real, not dallying now with what might be. Not in the flight of ideas but only in action is freedom. Make up your mind and come out into the tempest of living. God's command is enough and your faith in him to sustain you. Then at last freedom will welcome your spirit amid great rejoicing.

Tim Keller, Reason for God

Jesus is the only Lord who, if you receive him, will fulfill you completely, and, if you fail him, will forgive you eternally.

J.D. Greear, Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Samuel

All earthly kings disappoint. But God is an altogether different King. He showed Israel time and time again that He had been faithful to them, even when they were not. They were unbelieving in the wilderness, but God gave them manna. They served idols, which led to other nations afflicting them; but when they called out to God in repentance, He immediately came to their aid and delivered them. Here is a King who not only supplies the needs of His own but also forgives and has mercy on those who fail Him. Why would anyone desire another king than Him?

Song of Praise

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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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 105:1-8

Give thanks unto the LORD and call upon his Name;
tell the peoples what things he has done.

**Let your songs be of him, and praise him,
and let your speech be of all his wondrous works.**

Rejoice in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his face evermore.**

Remember the marvelous works that he has done,
his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.

**He has always been mindful of his covenant,
and the promise that he made to a thousand generations.**

No Longer Slaves

You unravel me with a melody; You surround me with a song
of deliverance from my enemies, till all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

From my mother's womb, You have chosen me;
Love has called my name.

I've been born again into your family;
Your blood flows through my veins.

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing; I am a child of God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:1-18 NRSV

1 Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, since the worshipers, cleansed once for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin year after year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” 8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” 17 he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 8 NRSV

1 When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. 3 Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5 and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, 7 and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9 Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

10 So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; 12 and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his

chariots. 13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. 15 He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. 16 He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. 18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, 20 so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” 21 When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. 22 The Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and set a king over them.” Samuel then said to the people of Israel, “Each of you return home.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: The Demand for a King
The Coming of a Kingdom

Notes

Application Questions

1. What is your typical response to seasons of confusion? How might that be happening right now?
2. Israel wanted a king. What was the difference between how they imagined kingship and the reality of it?
3. Why does God tell Samuel, “listen to their voice”? How have you seen God work in this way in your own life?

New Wine

In the crushing, in the pressing,
You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender;
You are breaking new ground.
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand;
when I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering,
make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing but all You have given me;
Jesus bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine, there is new power.
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

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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.

The Meal We Could Not Make

Sit beside me now; there's so much that we've shared.
Like the comfort of our doubts and the safety of despair.
So many promises have just been tricks;
so many remedies have made us sick.
Do you even have it in you to savor something new?

Oh, take and eat all the work is done.
Stretch out your feet in the Sabbath sun.
With this bread, old ambitions break,
and as we pour the wine, we feel our hungry hearts awake
to the Meal we could not make.
To the Meal we could not make; to the Meal we could not make.

Look around the table, behold your company.
See the needy and unlovable and many enemies
I know that peace has never worked before
but this feast satisfies the thirst for war.
For justice has been won and mercy's made us new.

Do you recognize me now? It's been so many years
since you laid me in the ground and planted me with tears.
We used to joke about the great hereafter;
now He's made each of us a Son of Laughter.
And that little hope in you is finally coming true.

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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. Lunch and childcare are provided so please RSVP by 4/25 to martha@oaksparish.org.

Baby Shower 5/5

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. RSVP to karen@oaksparish.org!

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Members and regular attendees, mark your calendar for our spring congregational meeting on May 19th, after the service (with a potluck!) We will provide updates on the life of our church and share about ministry developments for the summer.