

Pentecost



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Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

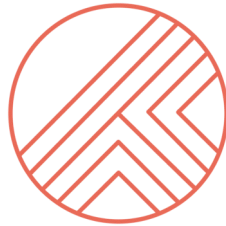
Gospel of Grace



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.

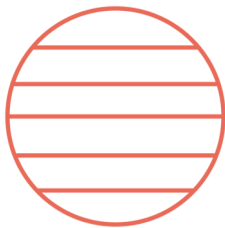
Faithful Presence



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.

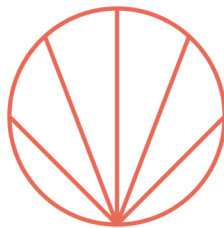
Formative Rhythms



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

Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*

Why should I fear anything that cannot rob me of God, and why should I desire anything that cannot give me possession of Him?

Tim Keller, *Prodigal God*

A person motivated by love rather than fear will not only obey the letter of the law, but will eagerly seek out new ways to carry out business with transparency and integrity.

Heather Thomas & J.D. Grear, *Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Samuel*

You can always tell whether a tree is rooted in the ground by seeing if it grows and bears fruit. For instance, a live Christmas tree, after it has been in the house for about a week, starts to deteriorate—the needles fall off and it bears no cones. Likewise, Saul did not bear fruits of victory and true righteousness because he was not planted in the Lord.

Tim Chester, *1 Samuel for You*

In faith, we can attempt brave things for God. But Jonathan is more than an example; he is also a pointer to Jesus, and we must not miss the thrill. We can be brave because Jesus has won the victory by descending to the cross. He has gone through the jaws of death, and death consumed him. But he has risen again to overcome sin and death. In 1 Samuel 14, we are not to place ourselves in Jonathan's shoes; Jesus is the one who has stood there, cosmically and finally. We are called to follow; to trust the Son, who takes us through death and to life, and to trust him enough to walk behind him.

Song of Praise

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Holy Spirit, Light divine, shine upon this heart of mine.
Chase the shades of night away; turn my darkness into day.
Come Holy Spirit, come Heavenly Dove;
shine down upon me in your love, in your love.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine.
Long hath sin without control, held dominion o'er my soul.
Come Holy Spirit, come Heavenly Dove;
come down and save me with your love, with your love.

Holy Spirit, all divine, dwell within this heart of mine;
cast down every idol throne, reign supreme, and reign alone.
Come Holy Spirit, come Heavenly Dove,
come reign within me in your love, in your love.

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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

Fresh Wind

Spirit sound, rushing wind, fire of God, fall within.

Holy Ghost, breathe on us we pray.

As we repent, turn from sin, revival embers smouldering.

Breath of God, fan us into flame.

We need a fresh wind, the fragrance of heaven.

Pour your spirit out; pour your spirit out.

For hearts that burn with holy fear, purified in faith and deed.

Refiner's fire, strengthen what remains.

So we the church who bear your light, lamp aflame, city bright.

King and kingdom, "Come!" is what we pray.

We need a fresh wind, the fragrance of heaven.

Pour your spirit out; pour your spirit out.

A holy anointing, the power of your presence.

Pour your spirit out; pour your spirit out.

Let all the redeemed prophesy and sing;

we can hear the wind blowing, blowing.

Move upon our praise, sons and daughters sing;

we can hear the wind blowing, blowing.

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Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 14:1-23 NRSV

1 One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armour, ‘Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side.’ But he did not tell his father. 2 Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree that is at Migron; the troops that were with him were about six hundred men, 3 along with Ahijah son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, son of Phinehas son of Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, carrying an ephod. Now the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. 4 In the pass, by which Jonathan tried to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on one side and a rocky crag on the other; the name of one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 One crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armour, ‘Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will act for us; for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few.’ 7 His armour-bearer said to him, ‘Do all that your mind inclines to. I am with you; as your mind is, so is mine.’ 8 Then Jonathan said, ‘Now we will cross over to those men and will show ourselves to them. 9 If they say to us, “Wait until we come to you”, then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. 10 But if they say, “Come up to us”, then we will go up; for the Lord has given them into our hand. That will be the sign for us.’ 11 So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, ‘Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves.’ 12 The men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armour-bearer, saying, ‘Come up to us, and we will show you something.’ Jonathan said to his armour-bearer, ‘Come up after me; for the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.’ 13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armour-bearer following after him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armour-bearer, coming after him, killed them. 14 In that first slaughter Jonathan and his armour-bearer killed about twenty men within an area about half a furrow long in an acre of land. 15 There was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison and even the raiders trembled; the earth quaked; and it became a very great panic. 16 Saul’s lookouts in Gibeah of Benjamin were watching as the multitude was surging back and forth. 17 Then Saul said to the troops

that were with him, 'Call the roll and see who has gone from us.' When they had called the roll, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there. 18 Saul said to Ahijah, 'Bring the ark of God here.' For at that time the ark of God went with the Israelites. 19 While Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more; and Saul said to the priest, 'Withdraw your hand.' 20 Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle; and every sword was against the other, so that there was very great confusion. 21 Now the Hebrews who previously had been with the Philistines and had gone up with them into the camp turned and joined the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise, when all the Israelites who had gone into hiding in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed closely after them in the battle. 23 So the Lord gave Israel the victory that day. The battle passed beyond Beth-aven, and the troops with Saul numbered altogether about ten thousand men. The battle spread out over the hill country of Ephraim.

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

Generous God, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you and our desire to see your kingdom flourish. 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 14:24-46 NRSV

24 Now Saul committed a very rash act on that day. He had laid an oath on the troops, saying, ‘Cursed be anyone who eats food before it is evening and I have been avenged on my enemies.’ So none of the troops tasted food. 25 All the troops came upon a honeycomb; and there was honey on the ground. 26 When the troops came upon the honeycomb, the honey was dripping out; but they did not put their hands to their mouths, for they feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the troops with the oath; so he extended the staff that was in his hand, and dipped the tip of it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes brightened. 28 Then one of the soldiers said, ‘Your father strictly charged the troops with an oath, saying, “Cursed be anyone who eats food this day.” And so the troops are faint.’ 29 Then Jonathan said, ‘My father has troubled the land; see how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much better if today the troops had eaten freely of the spoil taken from their enemies; for now the slaughter among the Philistines has not been great.’

31 After they had struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon, the troops were very faint; 32 so the troops flew upon the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and slaughtered them on the ground; and

the troops ate them with the blood. 33 Then it was reported to Saul, 'Look, the troops are sinning against the Lord by eating with the blood.' And he said, 'You have dealt treacherously; roll a large stone before me here.' 34 Saul said, 'Disperse yourselves among the troops, and say to them, "Let all bring their oxen or their sheep, and slaughter them here, and eat; and do not sin against the Lord by eating with the blood."' So all of the troops brought their oxen with them that night, and slaughtered them there. 35 And Saul built an altar to the Lord; it was the first altar that he built to the Lord.

36 Then Saul said, 'Let us go down after the Philistines by night and despoil them until the morning light; let us not leave one of them.' They said, 'Do whatever seems good to you.' But the priest said, 'Let us draw near to God here.' 37 So Saul inquired of God, 'Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you give them into the hand of Israel?' But he did not answer him that day. 38 Saul said, 'Come here, all you leaders of the people; and let us find out how this sin has arisen today. 39 For as the Lord lives who saves Israel, even if it is in my son Jonathan, he shall surely die!' But there was no one among all the people who answered him. 40 He said to all Israel, 'You shall be on one side, and I and my son Jonathan will be on the other side.' The people said to Saul, 'Do what seems good to you.' 41 Then Saul said, 'O Lord God of Israel, why have you not answered your servant today? If this guilt is in me or in my son Jonathan, O Lord God of Israel, give Urim; but if this guilt is in your people Israel, give Thummim.' And Jonathan and Saul were indicated by the lot, but the people were cleared. 42 Then Saul said, 'Cast the lot between me and my son Jonathan.' And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, 'Tell me what you have done.' Jonathan told him, 'I tasted a little honey with the tip of the staff that was in my hand; here I am, I will die.' 44 Saul said, 'God do so to me and more also; you shall surely die, Jonathan!' 45 Then the people said to Saul, 'Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great victory in Israel? Perish the thought! As the Lord lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground; for he has worked with God today.' So the people ransomed Jonathan, and he did not die. 46 Then Saul withdrew from pursuing the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bryan Buck: By Many or By Few
The Coming of a Kingdom

Notes

Application Questions

1. How did Jonathan experience blessing from trusting faith? How have you seen this true in your own life?
2. How does fear affect our ability to trust God?
3. How does the gospel idea of ransom set us free for faith?

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent word.
What more can He say than to you He has said?
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Oh, how firm a foundation!
How firm a foundation for us!

Fear not I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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Confession of Sin

O Lord, you have mercy upon all - take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

(St Ambrose, 4th century)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 6:11b NRSV

11 You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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.

Celebration of First Communion

Following his profession of faith, we celebrate and welcome David Jameson as he partakes of his first communion.

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.

O, Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon Thy church once more and make it truly Thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace,
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
to preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with Him to life which soars beyond the grave.
And earth shall win true holiness which makes Thy children whole,
till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

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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 back! New episodes will be released every Monday evening (except for Memorial Day) through the month of June. Listen 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.

Congregational Meeting & Family Favorites Potluck

Members and regular attendees, join us for a family favorites potluck and our spring congregational meeting, today after the service. At the meeting, we will provide updates on the life of our church and.

Women's Wine Tasting

Join us on Saturday, June 8th from 3-5pm at Jane Olson's house for a relaxed afternoon expanding our palates with a tasting of quality Old World vs. New World wines. Please bring \$10 per person to cover these higher quality wines, as well as a light appetizer/snack to share. We'll also enjoy a discussion about the connection between our own spiritual formation and the process of developing quality wines. Please RSVP to jane.e.olson@gmail.com.