



I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27

Order for the Public Worship of God

12 August 2018

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent;
for here we meet with a holy God.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

About Receiving Communion

All who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel, are repentant of their sin and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A Word to Parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and have been received as communing members by the church to which their parents belong.

As instituted by our Lord, wine is the element used in the Lord's Supper to show forth his blood shed on our behalf (Mark 14:23-25; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:20-21, 25; 1 Tim 4:3-4). If, however, for reasons of conscience, you are not able to participate using wine, grape juice is provided in the center of the tray. Also, gluten-free crackers are available for those who cannot eat bread.

Nursery today: Dawn O'Bannion
Paula Ea

Next Sunday: Amanda Grimes
Gray Canales

Reflection

We need not covet money, for we shall always have our God, and God is better than gold, his favor is better than fortune.

– Charles H. Spurgeon

Mercy is God's favor that holds back from us what we deserve. Grace is God's favor that gives us what we do not deserve.

– Rolfe Barnard

If God has singled you out to be a special object of his grace you may expect him to honor you with stricter discipline and greater suffering than less favored ones are called upon to endure.

– A. W. Tozer

“Didn't we agree that God is a spirit? Don't you worship Him because He is pure spirit?”

“Good heavens, no! We worship Him because He is wise and good. There's nothing specially fine about simply being a spirit. The Devil is a spirit.”

– C. S. Lewis
Perelandra

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that fol-low'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its bor-rowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel its promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson Music: Christopher Miner

God Calls Us

Trinitarian Confession and Salutation

Minister: We are gathered in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

**All: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!** *Psalm 124:8*

Minister: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1–2

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Minister: Let us worship God!

▲ Hymn 2

O Worship the King

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Micah 7:1–7

Woe is me! For I have become
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,
as when the grapes have been gleaned:
there is no cluster to eat,
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.
The godly has perished from the earth,
and there is no one upright among mankind;
they all lie in wait for blood,
and each hunts the other with a net.
Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;
thus they weave it together.
The best of them is like a brier,
the most upright of them a thorn hedge.
The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come;
now their confusion is at hand.
Put no trust in a neighbor;
have no confidence in a friend;
guard the doors of your mouth
from her who lies in your arms;
for the son treats the father with contempt,
the daughter rises up against her mother,
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
a man's enemies are the men of his own house.
But as for me, I will look to the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.

Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (*unison*)

Based on the French Reformed Liturgy

O Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father!

We confess before your Divine Majesty
that we are miserable sinners, born in corruption and iniquity,
prone to evil, and of ourselves incapable of any good.

We admit that we transgress
your holy commandments in so many ways,
so that we bring on ourselves condemnation and death,
through your righteous judgment.

Our sorrow for having offended you,
O Lord, is deep and heartfelt,
and we implore your grace to relieve our wretchedness.

O most gracious God and merciful Father,
be pleased to show us compassion,
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pardon our sins,
give us the spiritual graces of the Holy Spirit,
and increase them day by day;

to the end that,
as we wholeheartedly acknowledge our unworthiness,
and forsake our sins,
we may be filled with that godly sorrow
which works repentance unto salvation,
and may bring forth fruits of righteousness acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord., *Amen.*

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18–20

Who is a God like you,
pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 22 (p. 583)

¹The oracle concerning the valley of vision.

What do you mean that you have gone up,
all of you, to the housetops,

²you who are full of shoutings,
tumultuous city, exultant town?

Your slain are not slain with the sword
or dead in battle.

³All your leaders have fled together;
without the bow they were captured.

All of you who were found were captured,
though they had fled far away.

⁴Therefore I said:

“Look away from me;

let me weep bitter tears;

do not labor to comfort me

concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people.”

⁵For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day
of tumult and trampling and confusion
in the valley of vision,

a battering down of walls
and a shouting to the mountains.

⁶And Elam bore the quiver
with chariots and horsemen,
and Kir uncovered the shield.

⁷Your choicest valleys were full of chariots,
and the horsemen took their stand at the gates.

⁸He has taken away the covering of Judah.

In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest,
⁹and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many.
You collected the waters of the lower pool, ¹⁰and you counted the
houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to fortify
the wall. ¹¹You made a reservoir between the two walls for the

water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who did it, or see him who planned it long ago.

¹²In that day the Lord GOD of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth;

¹³and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine.

“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

¹⁴The LORD of hosts has revealed himself in my ears:

“Surely this iniquity will not be atoned for you until you die,” says the Lord GOD of hosts.

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, “Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: ¹⁶What have you to do here, and whom have you here, that you have cut out here a tomb for yourself, you who cut out a tomb on the height and carve a dwelling for yourself in the rock? ¹⁷Behold, the LORD will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you ¹⁸and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master’s house. ¹⁹I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. ²⁰In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, ²¹and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ²²And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. ²³And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father’s house. ²⁴And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father’s house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. ²⁵In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a secure place will give way, and it will be cut down and fall, and the load that was on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken.”

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Revelation 3:7–13 (p. 1029)

The Ultimate “In-Group”

⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸ “‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

¹² “‘The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Prayer of Intercession

By faith we see the hand of God
 In the light of creation's grand design,
 In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
 Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
 With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
 Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
 A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
 We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,
 We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
 When the longed-for Messiah would appear
 With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
 In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
 To deliver captives and to preach good news
 In ev'ry corner of the earth.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
 We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,
 We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
 And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
 For we know in Christ all things are possible
 For all who call upon His name.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
 We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,
 We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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God Communes with Us

- ▲ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed** p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*
▲ ***The Gloria Patri*** (#735) *Trinity Hymnal*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Supervision of the Table 1 Corinthians 11:23–29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The minister will lead the congregation in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison:

**People: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our debts
 as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power
 and the glory forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn – During the bread The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Scripture Reading – During the cup

John 14:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

Now may your servant, Lord,
according to your word,
depart in exultation.
My rest shall be serene,
for now my eyes have seen
your wonderful salvation.

You did for all prepare
this Gift, so great, so rare,
fulfilling prophets' story;
A Light to show the way
to Gentiles gone astray,
and unto Israel's glory.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Commissions and Blesses Us

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 660

O God, Beyond All Praising

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▲ **The Benediction**

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes
Revelation 3:7–13
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Welcome to Christ Church OPC

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship! It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know and experience the love, power, and presence of our King and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate. If you desire any additional information, or if there are ways in which we can pray for you or be of service to you, please let us know. We count it a privilege to serve our community in the name of Christ!

About Our Church

Standing in the great biblical and evangelical tradition of the Protestant Reformation, Christ Church is a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). We are committed to the Bible as the Word of God, the Reformed Faith, and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.



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