

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

19 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: | Amanda Grimes<br>Gray Canales    |
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| Next Sunday:   | Mary Jo Canales<br>Emilie Miller |



We are all weak, finite, simple human beings, standing in the need of prayer. None need it so much as those who think they are strong, those who know it not, but are deluded by self-sufficiency.

- Harold C. Phillips

Open sin kills its thousands. Self-righteousness kills its tens of thousands.

– J. C. Ryle

If there be ground for you to trust in your own righteousness, then, all that Christ did to purchase salvation, and all that God did to prepare the way for it is in vain.

- Jonathan Edwards

Be always displeased with what you are, if you desire to attain to what you are not, for where you have pleased yourself, there you remain. But if you have enough, you perish. Always add, always walk, always proceed. Neither stand still, nor go back, nor deviate.

- Augustine of Hippo

#### Prelude

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and blood From thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone: Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee. Rock of Ages Tune: TOPLADY

### Trinitarian Confession and Salutation

| Ministe  | r:We are gathered in the Name of the Fat | her,           |  |  |
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|  | 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father |  |                |  |  |
|  | and Christ Jesus our Lord!               | 1 Timothy 1:2b |  |  |
| All:   | Amen.                                    |                |  |  |
| Call to Worship                                      |  | Psalm 107:1-2  |  |  |
| Minister: Oh give thanks to the LOPD for he is good  |  |                |  |  |

Minister:Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

| All: | Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, |
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|      | whom he has redeemed from trouble.   |

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

#### Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 45:21d-22

"There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, overlooked justice, neglected obedience, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

#### ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel

★ The Doxology (#731)

#### God Consecrates Us

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### **Reading of Scripture**

John 14:21-24; 15:1-11 (p. 901)

<sup>21</sup> "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

<sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

Trinity Hymnal

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

▲ Hymn 461 Not What My Hands Have Done *Trinity Hymnal* 

#### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Revelation 3:14–22 (p. 1030) The Smug Sin of Spiritual Self-Sufficiency

<sup>14</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

<sup>15</sup> "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

<sup>18</sup> "'I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

<sup>21</sup> "'The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

#### Prayer of Intercession

#### 🔺 Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched Tune: Darwin Jordan

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, grace, and power: He is able, he is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, you needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh, Without money, without money, Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, you weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all: Not the righteous, not the righteous – Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness he requireth Is to feel your need of him; This he gives you, this he gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! the incarnate God, ascended, Pleads the merit of his blood; Venture on him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude: None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, He is willing, doubt no more.* 

## God Communes with Us

| ▲ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed   | p. 845, <i>Trinity Hymnal</i>                   |
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| <b>▲ The Gloria Patri</b> (#735)  | Trinity Hymnal                                  |
| The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  |   |
| <i>Invitation and Supervision of the Table</i><br><u>Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration</u><br>The minister will lead the congregation is<br>with the Lord's Prayer in unison:   | 1 Corinthians 11:23–29<br>in prayer, concluding |
| <ul> <li>People: Our Father in heaven,<br/>hallowed be your name.</li> <li>Your kingdom come,<br/>your will be done<br/>on earth as it is in heaven.</li> <li>Give us this day our daily bread,<br/>and forgive us our debts<br/>as we forgive our debtors.</li> <li>And lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.</li> <li>For yours is the kingdom and the power<br/>and the glory forever. Amen.</li> </ul> |   |

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

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree! Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in, When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears; Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'til all that I can do. "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food."

2 Corinthians 8:9

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Philippians 4:19

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

#### 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 94 How Firm a Foundation

Trinity Hymnal

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

## Sermon Notes

Revelation 3:14–22 (p. 1030) The Smug Sin of Spiritual Self-Sufficiency

# 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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