

*Christ*  
Church OPC  

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Biblical Confessional Reformed

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**

16 September 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:** Mary Jo Canales  
Emilie Miller

**Next Sunday:** Lauren Alexander  
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# Reflection

The only significance of life consists in helping to establish the kingdom of God.

– Leo Tolstoy

The crowning wonder of God's scheme is that he entrusted it to men. It is the supreme glory of humanity that the machinery for its redemption should have been placed within itself.

– Henry Drummond

Millions have never heard of Jesus. We ought not to ask, "Can I prove that I *ought* to go?" but, "Can I prove that I *ought not* to go?"

– Charles H. Spurgeon

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Let Your Heart Be Broken  
Minikus

Let your heart be broken for a world in need:  
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed,  
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread-  
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love,  
Visible expression - God still rules above -  
Living illustration of the Living Word  
To the minds of all who've never seen or heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,  
Challenged by the need - apparent everywhere.  
Where mankind is wanting, fill the vacant place;  
Be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear;  
See mankind as God sees, serve him far and near.  
Let your heart be broken by a brother's pain;  
Share your rich resources, give and give again.

# God Calls Us

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## 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 47:1–2, 5–7*

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.**

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!**

Minister: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**All: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!**

## ▲ Hymn

Zion, Founded on the Mountains

Dubberly

Zion, founded on the mountains,  
God, thy Maker, loves thee well;  
He has chosen thee, most precious,  
He delights in thee to dwell;  
*God's own city, God's own city,  
Who can all thy glory tell?  
God's own city, God's own city,  
Who can all thy glory tell?*

Heathen lands and hostile peoples  
Soon shall come the Lord to know;  
Nations born again in Zion  
Shall the Lord's salvation show.  
*God Almighty, God Almighty,*

*Shall on Zion strength bestow;  
God Almighty, God Almighty,  
Shall on Zion strength bestow.*

When the Lord shall count the nations,  
Sons and daughters he shall see,  
Born to endless life in Zion,  
And their joyful song shall be:  
*"Blessed Zion, Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee;  
Blessed Zion, Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee."*

### ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

## God Cleanses Us

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### Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 43:22, 24b

*"Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;  
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!  
...But you have burdened me with your sins;  
you have wearied me with your iniquities."*

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

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ  
to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge that  
we are more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us  
from being your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. *Amen.*

“I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.”

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 43:1–44:8 (p. 603)

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

<sup>8</sup> Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes,  
who are deaf, yet have ears!

<sup>9</sup> All the nations gather together,  
and the peoples assemble.

Who among them can declare this,  
and show us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right,  
and let them hear and say, It is true.

<sup>10</sup> "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,  
"and my servant whom I have chosen,  
that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.

<sup>11</sup> I, I am the LORD,  
and besides me there is no savior.

<sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God.

<sup>13</sup> Also henceforth I am he;  
there is none who can deliver from my hand;  
I work, and who can turn it back?"

<sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

"For your sake I send to Babylon  
and bring them all down as fugitives,  
even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.

<sup>15</sup> I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King."

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> "Remember not the former things,



nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.

<sup>22</sup> "Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;  
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

<sup>23</sup> You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings,  
or honored me with your sacrifices.

I have not burdened you with offerings,  
or wearied you with frankincense.

<sup>24</sup> You have not bought me sweet cane with money,  
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.

But you have burdened me with your sins;  
you have wearied me with your iniquities.

<sup>25</sup> "I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

<sup>26</sup> Put me in remembrance; let us argue together;  
set forth your case, that you may be proved right.

<sup>27</sup> Your first father sinned,  
and your mediators transgressed against me.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary,  
and deliver Jacob to utter destruction  
and Israel to reviling.

<sup>44:1</sup> "But now hear, O Jacob my servant,  
Israel whom I have chosen!

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD who made you,  
who formed you from the womb and will help you:  
Fear not, O Jacob my servant,

Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

<sup>3</sup> For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.

<sup>4</sup> They shall spring up among the grass  
like willows by flowing streams.

<sup>5</sup> This one will say, 'I am the LORD'S,'  
another will call on the name of Jacob,  
and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD'S,'  
and name himself by the name of Israel."

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

▲ Hymn 290

Hail, the Day That Sees Him Rise *Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 1:6–11 (p. 909) *Passing the Baton*

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 453                      All Authority and Power                      *Trinity Hymnal*

## God Communes with Us

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▲ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’                      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

Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know

'Twas on that night, when doomed to know  
The eager rage of ev'ry foe,  
That night in which he was betrayed,  
The Savior of the world took bread.

“My broken body thus I give  
For you, for all. Take, eat, and live.  
And oft the sacred rite renew  
That brings my saving love to view.”

Then in his hands the cup he raised,  
And God a new he thanked and praised,  
While kindness in his bosom glowed,  
And from his lips salvation flowed.

“With love to man this cup is fraught;  
Let all partake the sacred draught;  
Through latest ages let it pour,  
In mem'ry of my dying hour.”

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## *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

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#### The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 449

We Rest on Thee

*Trinity Hymnal*

#### ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 1:6-11

*Passing the Baton*

# 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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