

Christ
Church OPC
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

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*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'Banion
Jack Canales

Next Sunday: Mary Jo Canales
Emilie Miller

Reflection

The Spirit of God is given to the true saints to dwell in them, as his proper lasting abode; and to influence their hearts, as a principle of new nature or as a divine supernatural spring of life and action.

— Jonathan Edwards

Pardon comes not to the soul alone; or rather, Christ comes not to the soul with pardon only! It is that which He opens the door and enters by, but He comes with a Spirit of life and power.

— John Owen

We do not need to wait for the Holy Spirit to come: he came on the day of Pentecost. He has never left the church.

— John Stott

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Holy Spirit
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit breath new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

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

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-4

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God!
I will sing and make melody with all my being!

**All: Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!**

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

✠ **Hymn 101** Come, Thou Almighty King

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Hebrews 4:14–16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Minister: Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

All: yet too often we practice pride.

Minister: You cried alongside your friends
and for the city of Jerusalem,

**All: yet too often we rush past the pain of others
and are careless about our cities.**

Minister: You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

**All: yet too often we love those
who are strong, respected, or popular.**

Minister: You freely forgave and healed,

All: yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.

Minister: You lived a perfectly holy life,

All: yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.

Minister: You prayed that we who believe in you
should be united with each other and you,

**All: yet too often we focus on the differences
that separate us from other believers.**

Minister: You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,

All: yet too often we deny you.

Minister: You call us to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,

All: yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Minister: Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.

**All: We ask this through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Jeremiah 31:31–34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

▲ **The Doxology (#731)**

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Joel 2 (p. 761)

▲ **Hymn 321** Great God, What Do I See and Hear?

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1–21 (p. 909)

A New Dawn

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 335 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would gracious be;
help me know Thy grace to see,
I would be like Thee;
and, with words that help and heal,
Thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions, bold and meek
for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,
I would truthful be;
help me now Thy truth to see,
I would be like Thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear,
Thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions lovingly,
speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,
I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly,
make me more like thee;
separate from sin I would
and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be
give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be,
help me now thy power to see,
I would be like Thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield,
be Thou my strength and shield;
let Thy Word my weapon be,
Lord, Thine the victory.

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

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
With all your quick'ning pow'rs;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we turn our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live
At this poor dying rate?
Our love, so faint, so cold to you,
And yours to us so great.

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
With all your quick'ning pow'rs;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Ezekiel 36:27

“And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

Jeremiah 31:33

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

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

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
 Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:
 If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
 Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
 No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)
And live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)

Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
 On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)
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What though I wait the livelong night, and till the dawn appeareth,
 My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:
 Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)
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Though great our sins and sore our woes,
 his grace much more aboundeth;
 His helping love no limit knows,
 our utmost need it soundeth.
 Our Shepherd good and true is he,
 who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)
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▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 2:1–21

A New Dawn

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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