

# Order for the Public Worship of God

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

*Christ*  
Church OPC  

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Biblical Confessional Reformed

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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:** Mary Jo Canales  
Emilie Miller

**Next Sunday:** Paula Ea  
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# Reflection

Before God can deliver us, we must undeceive ourselves.

— Augustine of Hippo

One of the most fundamental marks of true repentance is a disposition to see our sins as God sees them.

— Charles Simeon

To do so no more is the truest repentance.

— Martin Luther

Conversion is committing all of me to all I know of Christ.

— Author unknown

Faith is the evidence of new birth, not the cause of it.

— John Piper

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

— Charlotte Elliott

—author

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
Born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

# 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 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**All: Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

▲ **Hymn 165** Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Mark 1:14–15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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

*A prayer based on the Decalogue*

God of grace, we confess that  
we have elevated the things of this world above you.  
We have made idols of possessions and people  
and used your name for causes  
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.  
We have permitted our schedules to come first  
and have not taken the time to worship you.  
We have not always honored those who guided us in life.  
We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it.  
We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.  
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,  
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.  
Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory.  
Help us to learn to live together according to your ways  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
in whose name we pray, Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Acts 2:38–39

Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

## ▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

# God Consecrates Us

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture**

Ezekiel 18 (p. 705)

▲ **Hymn 499**    Rock of Ages

**Preaching of the Word**

**Sermon Text:** Acts 2:37–41 (p. 910)

Rev. John Canales

*What Shall We Do?*

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Psalm 51** (v. 1–11)

*Trinity Psalter*

# God Communes with Us

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⤴ **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

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross:  
Christ became \_\_\_\_ sin for us.  
Took the blame,  
Bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning your blood-stained brow.

*This the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross:  
Christ became \_\_\_\_ sin for us.  
Took the blame,  
Bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life-  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*This the pow'r \_\_\_\_ of the cross:  
Christ became \_\_\_\_ sin for us.  
Took the blame,  
Bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Continues...*

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love!  
This the pow'r \_\_\_ of the cross:  
Son of God \_\_\_ slain for us.  
What a love,  
What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross. (Repeat last chorus.)

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Revelation 22:14a, 17b

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life ... Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

### **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 497 I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 2:37-41

*What Shall We Do?*

# 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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