

# 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:** Kristi Trahan  
Jack Canales

**Next Sunday:** Paula Ea  
Kaleb Ansell

# Reflection

The final goal of the blessed life...rests in the knowledge of God.

— John Calvin  
*The Institutes of the Christian Religion*

“This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

— John 17:3

Our whole being by its very nature is one vast need; incomplete, preparatory, empty yet cluttered, crying out for Him who can untie things that are now knotted together and tie up things that are still dangling loose.

— C. S. Lewis  
*The Four Loves*

There is more grace in God’s heart than there is sin in your past.

— Author unknown

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## A Debtor to Mercy Alone

*Tune: Dubberly*

A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,  
My person and offering to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete;  
His promise is yea and amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now,  
Nor all things below or above,  
Can make him his purpose forgo,  
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands  
Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on his heart it remains,  
In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure,  
As sure as the earnest is given;  
More happy, but not more secure,  
The glorified spirits in heaven.

# 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 98:1–6*

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

**All: The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness  
in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.**

Minister: All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

▲ **Hymn 311** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Acts 3:19

“Repent and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve.

As you came to a blind man and gave him sight,  
come to us in our sinful darkness  
and show us the things we cannot see.

As you came to a man tormented in his mind  
and gave him peace and healing,  
come to us in our brokenness and make us whole.

As you came to Lazarus, who was dead,  
and brought him from the grave,  
come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life  
that only you can give.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve.

But we see life the other way around:  
to get where we do not give,  
to exploit whom we have not helped,  
to use what we have not earned.

As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise,  
come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope.

In your name, Lord Jesus, we pray., Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Acts 10:38–43

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 35 (p. 615)

## ▲ Hymn 498 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 3 (p. 911)

*Your Blessings in Christ*

### Prayer of Intercession

### Reception of New Members

**Ansell Family** Stephanie, Kaleb, Audrey, Sterling

**Long Family** Douglas, Jessica, Crystal, Gregory, Connor, Leah,  
Luke, Sephi

**Mefferd Family** Charley, Janet, Danny, Melanie, Megan

**Pixley Family** Jonathan, Holly, Jacob, Joshua

## ▲ Hymn 521 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

## 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



Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands;  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of my guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless, righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself; I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

“This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

## ***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 455**      And Can It Be That I Should Gain

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 3

*Your Blessings in Christ*

# 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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