

# 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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*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  
Sam Ea

**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
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# Reflection

God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools ... and he has not been disappointed ... If I have brought any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.

—Antonin Scalia  
speaking to the Knights of Columbus Council  
in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

All the exhortations which can be given us to suffer for the name of Jesus Christ and in defense of the gospel will have no effect if we do not feel sure of the cause for which we fight.

— John Calvin  
in the sermon “Enduring Persecution for Christ”

The evidence for Jesus’ resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live.

— Wolfhart Pannenberg  
in a *Prism* magazine interview

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

O Church, Arise

*by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

O Church, arise, and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war- to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which he died-  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

# 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 95:6–7*

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

✠ **Hymn 92**     A Mighty Fortress is Our God

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 139:23–24

Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us.  
You know not only what we say, but also what we think.  
You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said.  
You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves  
because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart,  
boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments.  
You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves  
even when we have turned our backs on you,  
fascinating ourselves with alien gods  
whose calling we heed while ignoring your own.  
Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent.  
O God, forgive, correct, and heal us  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21–22

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.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# God Consecrates Us

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture**

1 Corinthians 1:18–2:16 (p. 952)

▲ **Psalm 27: 1–6**

*Trinity Psalter*

*Tune: BEVAN*

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 4:13–22 (p. 912)

*Being Bold Like Jesus*

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 571**    Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

# 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



At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from His piercèd side;  
praise we Him whose love divine  
gives His sacred blood for wine,  
gives His body for the feast,  
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Him, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light;  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to Thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

[Jesus] said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

John 11:25–26

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

### ***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 263** Lift High the Cross

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 4:13–22

*Being Bold Like Jesus*

# 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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