

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

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: Laurie Boswell
Gray Canales

Next Sunday: Lauren Alexander
Greyson Ea

Reflection

Devotion to the Lord excludes all loyalty to those who hate him.

— Willem VanGemeren

It is by serving and loving God and keeping His commandments that we are manifesting our hatred of the wicked.

— E. J. Young

The most vigilant saints sometimes fall into drowsiness and sleepiness of the spirit, so that they cannot perceive God's presence with them, care of them, and love to them, yet when the Lord awakens their souls, and renews their spiritual senses, they are forced to see and acknowledge that the Lord never leaves them, even with they least perceive his presence.

— David Dickson

The devil is not in the details; God is in the details.

— Steven Lawson

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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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

1 Chronicles 16:23–25, 29

Minister: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.

**All: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Minister: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!**

Minister: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

▲ **Hymn 65** Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

Our Father, by nature our understandings are darkened,
being alienated from life with you
through the ignorance that is in us,
because of the blindness of our hearts.

The things of your Spirit are foolishness to the natural man,
neither can we know them,
because they are spiritually discerned.

We are quick to do evil,
but to do good we have no knowledge.

We know not, neither do we understand, we walk in darkness.

You spoke once, even twice, but we did not perceive it.

And yet you were pleased to draw us out of that state
by the work of our Savior Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

And so we ask now that you do not view us
according to our filthy rags,
but according to Christ's righteousness.

It is in his name we pray, *Amen*.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Ezekiel 36:25-29

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.

✠ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 1:3–14 (p. 976)

▲ **Psalm 98**

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Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

Sermon Text: Psalm 139:13–24 (p. 522)

Where Godly Meditation Leads

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 569** Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory

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

Hymn — During the bread Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As you when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek
Which from your sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by that Word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food!

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do 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

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Psalm 139:13–24

Where Godly Meditation Leads

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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