

# 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:** Amanda Grimes  
Audrey Ansell

**Next Sunday:** Stephanie Ansell  
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# Reflection

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

— Martin Luther

Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear.  
let each his friendly aid afford,  
and feels his brother's care.

— Charles Wesley

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Take My Life, and Let it Be

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

# 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 150*

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Minister: Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**All: Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!**

Minister: Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!

**All: Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Minister: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

**All: Praise the LORD!**

▲ **Psalm 8**

*Trinity Psalter*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 3:17–18

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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

O God, in your goodness, you “defend the weak”  
and “uphold the cause of the poor.”

Yet, in our unholy carelessness,  
we let the poor struggle on their own,  
not seeing them, not caring about them,  
seldom asking about them.

O God, you are the friend of the helpless.  
You sent your Son to “proclaim good news to the poor.”

But we care much more  
about those who already have enough  
and who can give us more,  
while we ignore those who lack  
even the simplest essentials of life.

Holy Judge of all, convict and correct us, we pray.  
Forgive us our carelessness and self-centeredness.

As you have supplied every need of ours  
according to your riches in glory in Christ Jesus,  
grant that we might do the same for others.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who, though rich, became poor for our sake,  
that we might now be rich in him. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 8:9

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Deuteronomy 15:1–11 (p. 158)

Matthew 25:31–46 (p. 831)

✦ **Hymn 596**    You Came to Us, Dear Jesus    Edmund P. Clowney, 1985  
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### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 4:32–37 (p. 912)

*The Gospel of Grace*

### Prayer of Intercession

✦ **Hymn 595**    Let Your Heart Be Broken

## 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



Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

In sweet communion, Lord,  
We gather 'round your word.  
Oh, may your presence now be known,  
Oh, may your voice be heard!

In signs of bread and wine  
We're nourished by the Son;  
His boundless grace and love divine  
Unite our hearts as one.

And as we lift our voice  
To praise the Lamb who died,  
In him we glory and rejoice:  
Our Savior, crucified!

*Scripture Reading — During the cup*

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

### ***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 434** Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver

### **⤴ The Benediction**

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⤴ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 4:32-37

*The Gospel of Grace*

# 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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