

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: Stephanie Ansell

Gray Canales

Next Sunday: Holly Pixley

Jack Canales

Reflection

To encounter Christ is to touch reality and experience transcendence. He gives us a sense of self-worth or personal significance, because He assures us of God's love for us. He sets us free from guilt because He died for us and from paralyzing fear because He reigns. He gives meaning to marriage and home, work and leisure, personhood and citizenship.

— John R.W. Stott

It is impossible to honor God as we ought, unless we know Him as He is. And we could not know Him as He is without divine revelation from Himself.

— Stephen Charnock

We are saved to worship God. All that Christ has done for us in the past and all that He is doing now leads to this one end.

— A. W. Tozer

God is not moved or impressed with our worship until our hearts are moved and impressed by Him.

— Kelly Sparks

The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of; our attention would have been on God.

— C. S. Lewis

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give His only Son
To make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders!
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished!
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should his suffering be my gain?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom!

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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:14–15, 24

Minister: The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

**All: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”**

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

✠ **Psalm 96**

Trinity Psalter

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

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

Eternal God, you do not change.

You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

But we confess that we often worship
not your true self, but who we wish you to be.

We too often ask you to bless what we do
rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance.

Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want
instead of shaping us into what you want.

Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love.

Remind us of your covenant faithfulness
and have mercy on us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.

Help us to meet you here, that we might bow
before your unspeakable majesty

and so live for you now and forever, in Christ, Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Joshua 6:15–7:26 (p. 181)

▲ Hymn 150 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 5:1–16 (p. 913)

The God of Great Fear

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 512 I Lay My Sins of Jesus

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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 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered:
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Psalm 145:8–9

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Hebrews 12:28–29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

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 377 Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 5:1–16

The God of Great Fear

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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