

# 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:** Holly Pixley  
Jack Canales  
**Next Sunday:** Lori Peterson  
Sam Ea

# Reflection

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

— 2 Timothy 4:18

I bless the Lord that all our troubles come through Christ's fingers, and that He casteth sugar among them; and casteth the spirit of glory in our cup.

— Samuel Rutherford

It is only under the shadow of the cross that we can appreciate the true weight of our own cross, and accept it each day from His hand, to carry it with love, with gratitude, and with joy.

— Theodore Monod

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

Am I a soldier of the cross,  
a follower of the Lamb?  
And shall I fear to own his cause,  
or blush to speak his name?

Must I be carried to the skies  
on flow'ry beds of ease,  
while others fought to win the prize,  
and sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?  
Must I not stem the flood?  
Is this vile world a friend to grace,  
to help me on to God?

Sure I must fight if I would reign:  
Increase my courage, Lord;  
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,  
supported by thy Word.

Thy saints, in all this glorious war  
shall conquer, though they die;  
They view the triumph from afar,  
and seize it with their eye.

When that illustrious day shall rise,  
and all thine armies shine  
in robes of vict'ry through the skies,  
the glory shall be thine.

# 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 67:3–5*

Minister: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

Minister: for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!**

✠ **Hymn 73** Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 85:4–7

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!  
Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

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

Our merciful God,  
The burdens we carry and the disappointments that come our way  
are often too much for us to bear.  
Our daily tasks seem to mount up with every passing week,  
so that no matter how much we manage to get done,  
we never seem to do all that we ought,  
and we stress and worry over all that we have left undone.  
Even worse, we sometimes grow callous and detached,  
and no longer care if we fail to do what is right.

We know that this is not the way you want us to live.  
Although we have been taught how to live in a way that pleases you,  
we never seem to manage to live that way ourselves,  
even though we have tried so very hard.

Forgive us, O gracious God, for our failure to do what is right.  
Forgive us for trusting in our own strength.

Help us to do what the Bible says:

to cast our burdens on your Son Jesus Christ  
and to let him be our full sufficiency.

Help us to trust in Christ with all our heart,  
and not lean on our own understanding — or rely on ourselves.

Help us to seek you first, and your Kingdom,  
trusting that all the other things we need will be added to us.

Help us to trust your Son, rather than trusting in ourselves.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## ⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 85:2–3, 8–9

You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

## ⤴ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Daniel 3 (p. 739)

## ⤴ Hymn 668 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 5:17–42 (p. 913)

*The Unstoppable Word of God*

### Prayer of Intercession

## ⤴ Hymn 572 Onward, Christian Soldiers

## 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



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 68:19–20

Blessed be the Lord,  
who daily bears us up;  
God is our salvation.  
Our God is a God of salvation,  
and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

### ***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 580**    Lead On, O King Eternal

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

*Acts 5:17–42*

*The Unstoppable Word of God*

# 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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