

# 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  
Gray Canales

**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
Emilie Miller

# Reflection

Nowhere do we imitate God more than in showing mercy.

— Albert Barnes

Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan.

— Chrysostom

The right spring of mercy is a sense of God's mercy; it is a thank-offering, not a sin-offering.

— Thomas Manton

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## 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.  
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# 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 105:1-4*

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**All: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

▲ **Hymn 53** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:16–17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
correct oppression;  
bring justice to the fatherless,  
plead the widow's cause.

## 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,”  
and “deliver the children of the needy.”

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, 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 ignore those who lack even the simplest essentials of life.

Holy judge of all, convict and correct us, we pray.  
May we who have received grace in Jesus Christ,  
show that same grace to others in his name.  
Enable us by your Spirit to love not only in word or talk,  
but in deed and truth,  
We ask this resting wholly upon his merit  
and through his name. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 59:15b–20

The LORD saw it, and it displeased him  
that there was no justice.  
He saw that there was no man,  
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;  
then his own arm brought him salvation,  
and his righteousness upheld him.  
He put on righteousness as a breastplate,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.  
According to their deeds, so will he repay,  
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;  
to the coastlands he will render repayment.  
So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west,  
and his glory from the rising of the sun;  
for he will come like a rushing stream,  
which the wind of the Lord drives.

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion,  
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,”  
declares the LORD.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 58:1–12 (p. 569)  
1 Timothy 3:8–13 (p. 992)

## ▲ Hymn 381 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

### Preaching of the Word

**Sermon Text:** Acts 6:1–7 (p. 914)

Rev. John Canales  
*Service with Strategy*

### Prayer of Intercession

Fountain of good, to own thy love  
our thankful hearts incline;  
what can we render, Lord to thee,  
when all the worlds are thine?

But thou hast needy brethren here,  
partakers of thy grace,  
whose names thou wilt thyself confess  
before the Father's face.

And in their accents of distress  
thy pleading voice is heard;  
in them thou may'st be clothed and fed  
and visited and cheered.

Thy face with rev'rence and with love  
we in thy poor would see;  
O may we minister to them,  
and in them, Lord, to thee.

### **Ordination and Installation of Doug Boswell as Deacon.**

## **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

Hymn — During the bread

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his  
presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

### ***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 98** Now Thank We All Our God

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 6:1–7

*Service with Strategy*

# 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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