

# 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:** Mary Jo Canales  
Emilie Miller

**Next Sunday:** Dawn O'Banion  
Kaleb Ansell

# Reflection

The purest church is the church under the cross.

— J. H. Merle d'Aubigne  
19<sup>th</sup>-c. Swiss church historian

Persecutions are in a way seals of adoption to the children of God.

— John Calvin

It is the suffering church that is the growing church.

— Arthur John “Jack” Dain  
Australian missionary

Every believer is a witness whether he wants to be or not.

— Donald Grey Barnhouse  
Early 20<sup>th</sup>-c. Presbyterian minister

Every Christian occupies some kind of pulpit and preaches some kind of gospel.

— Author unknown

If you want your neighbour to know what Christ will do for him, let your neighbour see what Christ has done for you.

— Henry Ward Beecher  
19<sup>th</sup>-c. Congregationalist minister

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## The Power of the Cross

Words and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the pow'r \_\_\_ of the cross:  
Christ became \_\_\_ sin for us.  
Took the blame,  
Bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning your blood-stained brow.

*This the pow'r \_\_\_ of the cross:  
Christ became \_\_\_ sin for us.  
Took the blame,  
Bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life-  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*This the pow'r \_\_\_ of the cross:  
Christ became \_\_\_ sin for us.  
Took the blame,  
Bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Continues...*

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love!  
*This the pow'r \_\_\_ of the cross:  
Son of God \_\_\_ slain for us.  
What a love,  
What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross. (Repeat last chorus.)*

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

**All: Amen.**

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 134:1-4, 8*

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

▲ **Hymn 30**      Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

John 3:19–21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

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

Eternal God of grace and mercy,  
whose covenant with us is never broken:  
We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.  
We betray our neighbors, desert our friends,  
and run in fear when we should be loyal.  
Though you have bound yourself to us,  
we have not bound ourselves to you.

Gracious God, have mercy on us weak and willful people.  
Lead us once again to your table,  
and unite us to Jesus Christ,  
who is the bread of life  
and the vine from which we grow in grace.  
We ask this in Jesus' precious name,  
resting on his merit alone. Amen.

## ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9–10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## ✠ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

# God Consecrates Us

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture**

John 15:12–16:4 (p. 902)

♣ **Hymn 505** I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord *Tune: AZMON*

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 6:8–15 (p. 914)

*Beginner's Guide to Being a Witness for Christ*

**Prayer of Intercession**

♣ **Hymn 478** I Love to Tell the Story

# 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



O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## ***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 263** Lift High the Cross

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 6:8–15

*Beginner's Guide to Being a Witness for Christ*

# 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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