

# 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

Kaleb Ansell

**Next Sunday:** Paula Ea

Sam Ea

# Reflection

Then we come to the strangest story of all, the story of the Resurrection. It is very necessary to get the story clear. I heard a man say, 'The importance of the Resurrection is that it gives evidence of survival, evidence that the human personality survives death.' On that view what happened to Christ would be what had always happened to all men, the difference being that in Christ's case we were privileged to see it happening. This is certainly not what the earliest Christian writers thought. Something perfectly new in the history of the Universe had happened. Christ had defeated death. The door which had always been locked had for the very first time been forced open. This is something quite distinct from mere ghost-survival. I don't mean that they disbelieved in ghost-survival. On the contrary, they believed in it so firmly that, on more than one occasion, Christ had had to assure them that He was not a ghost. The point is that while believing in survival they yet regarded the Resurrection as something totally different and new. The Resurrection narratives are not a picture of survival after death; they record how a totally new mode of being has arisen in the Universe. Something new had appeared in the Universe: as new as the first coming of organic life. This Man, after death, does not get divided into 'ghost' and 'corpse'. A new mode of being has arisen. That is the story. What are we going to make of it?

— C.S. Lewis  
"What Are We to Make of Jesus Christ"  
*God in the Dock*

If Paul calls death the "last enemy" (1 Cor 15:26), then the opposite is also true: that the risen Christ, and with him the resurrection hope, must be declared to be the enemy of death and of a world that puts up with death. That is why faith, wherever it develops into hope, causes not rest but unrest, not patience but impatience... Those who hope in Christ can no longer put up with reality as it is.

— Jürgen Moltmann  
*Theology of Hope*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled.  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on the holy Easter morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
by His mighty enterprise;  
we with Him to life eternal  
by his resurrection rise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia! to the Savior  
who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
to the Triune Majesty.

# 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 57:8–11*

Minister: Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre!  
I will awake the dawn.

**All: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Minister: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;  
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let your glory be over all the earth.** <sup>NRSV</sup>

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen! *Luke 24:34*

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb  
is sacrificed for us; *1 Cor 5:7–8*

**People: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

▲ **Hymn 277** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave,  
shattered the power of sin and death  
and crowned him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give him glory.  
Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world  
and is head of the Church, his body. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 15:54b–57

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the  
power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Reading of Scripture

Acts 13:26–41 (p. 922)

▲ Hymn 284 This Joyful Eastertide

#### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Mark 5:1–20 (p. 840)

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#### Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 279 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

## 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*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay—  
Light of the world by darkness slain!  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine:  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a stronghold to the poor,  
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;  
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,  
like heat in a dry place.  
You subdue the noise of the foreigners;  
as heat by the shade of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is put down.  
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people  
he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God;  
we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## ***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 274** Thine Be the Glory

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Mark 5:1–20

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# 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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