

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: Paula Ea
Sam Ea

Next Sunday: Laurie Boswell
Gray Canales

Reflection

No man ever said, at the end of his days, 'I have read my Bible too much, I have thought of God too much, I have prayed too much, I have been too careful with my soul.'

— J. C. Ryle

Union with Christ is the foundation of all our spiritual experience and all our spiritual blessings.

— Sinclair Ferguson

I thirst for the knowledge of the Word, but most of all for Jesus himself, the true Word.

— Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Living is sustained by feeding. We must support the spiritual life by spiritual food, and that spiritual food is the Lord Jesus.

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

A Debtor to Mercy Alone
Tune: Stephen Dubberly

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,
The arm of his strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Nor all things below or above,
Can make him his purpose forgo,
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on his heart it remains,
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given;
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

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 47:1-2, 5-6

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.** ^{NRSV}

▲ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1–7

God, be gracious to me in your faithful love;
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my misdeeds.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For well I know my misdeeds,
and my sins confront me all the time.
Against you only have I sinned and have done what displeases;
you are right when you accuse me
and justified in passing sentence.
From my birth I have been evil,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
You desire faithfulness in the inmost being,
so teach me wisdom in my heart.
Sprinkle me with hyssop, so that I may be cleansed;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ^{REB}

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

O most mighty God and merciful Father,
who has compassion upon people of all kinds,
and hates nothing that you have made;
and who does not desire the death of a sinner,
but would rather that we turn from our sin, and be saved:

In your mercy, forgive us our trespasses;
receive and comfort us,
we who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.
Your character has always been to show mercy;
and to you alone belongs the right and the ability to forgive sins.
So we ask that you spare us, good Lord,
spare us, your people whom you have redeemed.
Do not enter into judgment against your servants,
but rather turn your anger from us,
we who meekly acknowledge our transgressions,
and enable us to truly repent of our faults.

We so hurt in this world,
that we ask you to come quickly to our aid,
that we might live forever with you in the world to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–14

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
long-suffering and ever faithful;
he will not always accuse or nurse his anger for ever.
He has not treated us as our sins deserve
or repaid us according to our misdeeds.
As the heavens tower high above the earth,
so outstanding is his love towards those who fear him.
As far as east is from west,
so far from us has he put away our offences.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we were made,
he remembers that we are but dust. ^{REB}

▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

1 Kings 8:22–53 (p. 287)

▲ Hymn 267 The Day of Resurrection!

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 7:1–53 (p. 914)

The History of God and the Rebellion of Man

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 34 The God of Abraham Praise

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

God, in the gospel of his Son,
Makes his eternal counsels known;
Where love in all its glory shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
May taste his grace, and learn his Name;
May read, in characters of blood,
The wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains;
The weary rest from all his pains;
The captive feel his bondage cease;
The mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
A brighter world beyond the skies;
Here shines the light which guides our way
From earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, Almighty Lord,
To read and mark thy holy Word;
Its truths with meekness to receive,
And by its holy precepts live.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

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 6 O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 7:1–53

The History of God and the Rebellion of Man

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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