

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: Lauren Alexander
Sam Ea

Next Sunday: Stephanie Ansell
Greyson Ea

Reflection

For your gift of God the Spirit,
power to make our lives anew,
pledge of life and hope of glory,
Savior, we would worship you.
Crowning gift of resurrection
sent from your ascended throne,
fullness of the very Godhead,
come to make your life our own.

— E. Margaret Clarkson
For Your Gift of God the Spirit

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 98:1–4, 9

O sing a new song to the Lord
For wonders He has done,
His right hand and His holy arm
The victory have won.

The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
The Lord has clearly shown.

He mindful of His grace and truth
To Israel's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
All ends of earth have seen.

O all the earth, sing to the Lord
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;
Sing Psalms! Let joy resound!

Because He comes, He surely comes
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world
All men with equity.

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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1–5, 8

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Minister: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**All: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Minister: How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

All: You, O LORD, are on high forever.

▲ **Hymn 181** We Come, O Christ, to You

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 86:3–4, 6–7

Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.

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

O Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father!
We confess before your Divine Majesty
that we are miserable sinners, born in corruption and iniquity,
prone to evil, and of ourselves incapable of any good.
We admit that we transgress your holy commandments
in so many ways,
so that we bring on ourselves condemnation and death,
through your righteous judgment.
Our sorrow for having offended you, O Lord,
is deep and heartfelt,
and we implore your grace to relieve our wretchedness.
O most gracious God and merciful Father,
be pleased to show us compassion,
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Pardon our sins,
give us the spiritual graces of the Holy Spirit,
and increase them day by day;
to the end that,
as we wholeheartedly acknowledge our unworthiness,
and forsake our sins,
we may be filled with that godly sorrow
which works repentance unto salvation,
and may bring forth fruits of righteousness acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

⤴ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 86:5

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

⤴ **The Doxology (#731)**

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Zechariah 3:1–4:10 (p. 794)

⤴ **Hymn 75** O Father, You are Sovereign

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 8:1–8 (p. 916)

The Gospel — Unstoppable!

Prayer of Intercession

Special Prayer for Class of 2019

Emilie Miller

Katherine Peterson

⤴ **Hymn 450** So Send I You

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

Hymn — During the bread

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

Tune: ST. COLUMBA

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heav'n's eternal Light:

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 585 Take My Life, and Let It Be

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 8:1–8

The Gospel — Unstoppable!

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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