

# 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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*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:** Lori Peterson  
Gray Canales

**Next Sunday:** Holly Pixley  
Jack Canales

# Reflection

Faith is not a distant view, but a warm embrace of Christ ...  
The seat of faith is not in the brain but in the heart.

— John Calvin

Saving faith is not consent to a proposition, but commitment  
to a person.

— John Blanchard

Faith is not a work which Christ condescends in the gospel to  
accept instead of perfect obedience as the ground of  
salvation — it is only the hand whereby we clasp the person  
and work of our Redeemer, which is the true ground of  
salvation.

— A. A. Hodge

A weak faith may receive a strong Christ.

— Thomas Watson

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## I Am Not Skilled to Understand

*Tune: Stephen Dubberly*

I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed, what God has planned;  
I only know at his right hand  
Is One who is my Savior!

I take him at his word indeed:  
“Christ died for sinners,” this I read;  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of him to be my Savior!

That he should leave his place on high  
And come for sinful man to die,  
You count it strange? So once did I,  
Before I knew my Savior!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this spring:  
That he who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior!

# 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 150*

Minister: Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**All: Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Minister: Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!

**All: Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!**

Minister: Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the LORD!**

▲ **Hymn 159** O Savior, Precious Savior

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

*Hebrews 10:19–22*

Brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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

Awesome and compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved you.

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

You ask us to love,  
but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin,  
and gratefully receive your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

### ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21–23

Remember these things, O Jacob,  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you; you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,  
and will be glorified in Israel.

### ▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

## God Consecrates Us

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Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 55 (p. 615)

▲ Hymn 461 Not What My Hands Have Done

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 8:9–25 (p. 916)

*Is Your Faith Genuine or Counterfeit?*

*What's the Difference?*

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 610 “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

## 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.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn — During the bread

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and blood  
From thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill your law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to your cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.



For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,  
    who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
“I dwell in the high and holy place,  
    and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly,  
    and to revive the heart of the contrite.  
For I will not contend forever,  
    nor will I always be angry;  
for the spirit would grow faint before me,  
    and the breath of life that I made.  
Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,  
    I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,  
    but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.  
I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
    I will lead him and restore comfort  
    to him and his mourners,  
    creating the fruit of the lips.  
Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the Lord,  
    “and I will heal him.  
But the wicked are like the tossing sea;  
    for it cannot be quiet,  
    and its waters toss up mire and dirt.  
There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

## ***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 66** God Is Known Among His People

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 8:9–25

*Is Your Faith Genuine or Counterfeit?*

*What's the Difference?*

# 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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