

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: Kristi Trahan
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Reflection

Is not the reality that God does not promise his people calm seas, but only that we will reach port safely?

— John Currid

Why do bad things happen to good people? That only happened once, and he volunteered.

— R.C. Sproul, Jr.

God has reasons for the reprieves of bad men and the rebukes of good men; and therefore we must believe the day will come when the cry of sin will be heard against those who do wrong and the cry of prayer for those who suffer it.

— Matthew Henry

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

From Depths of Woe

Tune: RUF

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)
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Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)
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What though I wait the livelong night, and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)
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Though great our sins and sore our woes,
his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)
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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

Nehemiah 9:5–6

Minister: Stand up and bless the LORD your God
from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: Blessed be your glorious name,
which is exalted above all blessing and praise.**

Minister: You are the LORD, you alone.
You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens,
with all their host, the earth and all that is on it,
the seas and all that is in them;

**All: and you preserve all of them;
and the host of heaven worships you.**

✠ **Hymn 53** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 4:7–12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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

Righteous and holy Sovereign,
in whose hand is our lives and whose are all our ways,
keep us from fluttering about religion; fix us firm in it,
for we are irresolute;
our decisions are smoke and vapor,
and we do not glorify you, or behave according to your will;
Cut us not off before our thoughts grow to responses,
and the budding of our souls into full flower,
for you are forbearing and good, patient and kind.
Save us from ourselves,
from the artifices and deceits of sin,
from the treachery of our perverse nature,
from denying your charge against our offenses,
from a life of continual rebellion against you,
from wrong principles, views, and ends;
for we know that all our thoughts, affections,
desires and pursuits are alienated from you.
O, Father of our spirits, King of our lives,
cast us not into destruction,
drive us not from your presence,
but wound our hearts that they may be healed;
break them that your own hand
would make them whole, Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 3:23–26

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

✠ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

1 Peter 4 (p. 1016)

▲ Psalm 46

Trinity Psalter

Tune: ELLACOMBE

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

Sermon Text: Habakkuk 1:1–11 (p. 785) *Where is God in Suffering?*

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 108 Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

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.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn — During the bread

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Hebrews 9:11–14

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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 94 How Firm a Foundation

⤴ **The Benediction**

⤴ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Habakkuk 1:1–11

Where is God in Suffering?

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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