

# 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:** Laurie Boswell  
Audrey Ansell

**Next Sunday:** Amanda Grimes  
Greyson Ea

# Reflection

The coziness between church and state is good for the state and bad for the church.

— G. K. Chesterton

Immortality makes this other difference between totalitarianism and democracy. If individuals live only seventy years, then a state, or a nation, or a civilisation, which may last for a thousand years, is more important than an individual. But if Christianity is true, then the individual is not only more important but incomparably more important, for he is everlasting and the life of a state or a civilisation, compared with his, is only a moment.

— C. S. Lewis  
*Mere Christianity*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Our God rules on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh — his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son!  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and power, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

# 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.**

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!**

Minister: Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

**All: Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!**

Minister: Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

**All: Let them praise the name of the LORD!**

Minister: For he commanded and they were created.  
And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

**All: Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Minister: Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!

**All: Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

Minister: Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**All: He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

Minister: Praise the LORD!

✠ Hymn 441 Jesus Shall Reign

✠ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Almighty Father, great Ruler of the universe,  
we confess that we are sinners.

We have lived without wisdom,  
without a godly fear of the Lord.

We have practiced pride and arrogance;  
we have walked the way of evil and perverted speech.

We have failed to govern justly,  
and we have failed to submit to those who govern us.

Forgive us, great God.

Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit.

Teach us to live godly and sober lives,  
to love one another,

and to revel in the blessings we have in Christ our King,  
who on the cross became to us wisdom from God,  
righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

We pray this in his holy name. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Revelation 1:4b–6

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture**

Romans 13:1–7 (p. 948)

▲ **Hymn 311**    Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Mark 12:13–17 (p. 848)

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**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 174**    O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord

## 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

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
See him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;  
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,  
David's son, yet David's Lord;  
By his Son God now has spoken:  
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,  
Was there ever grief like his?  
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning,  
Foes insulting his distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound him,  
None would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced him  
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly  
Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,  
Here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,  
His the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,  
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded  
Who on him their hope have built.



For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## ***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 297** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Mark 12:13–17  
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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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