

# 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

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**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:** Lauren Alexander  
Audrey Ansell

**Next Sunday:** Kristi Trahan  
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# Reflection

In essentials, unity.  
In non-essentials, liberty.  
In all things, charity.

— Augustine of Hippo

I may worship in a different building from you, I may worship in a different style, but all we hold dear is God's gift in Christ Jesus, who is our Unity. In Him we have all and lack nothing.

— Michael J. Davis

We have all come here in different ships, but we're in the same boat now.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Unity without the gospel is a worthless unity; it is the very unity of hell.

— J. C. Ryle

If ever we intend to take one step towards any agreement or unity, it must be by fixing this principle in the minds of all men — that it is of no advantage to any man whatever church or way in Christian religion he be of, unless he personally believe the promises, and live in obedience unto all the precepts of Christ.

— John Owen

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
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# 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 99:1–3*

Minister: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!**

Minister: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!**

✠ **Hymn 168** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

John 14:15–17

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

Ephesians 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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

God of grace,  
we grieve that the Church,  
    which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling,  
    has become a broken communion in a broken world.  
The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,  
    but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another,  
    and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.  
Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work,  
    that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.

Forgive our sins  
    and help us to commit ourselves  
    to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.  
In his name we pray. *Amen.*

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:9–10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Minister:** People of God,  
all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.  
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,  
and made to be a community united in our faith in him.  
Thanks be to God.

## ▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 2:11–22 (p. 976)

## ▲ Hymn 535 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 11:1–18 (p. 919) *A New World Order*

### Prayer of Intercession

## ▲ Hymn Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul;  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord,  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin

In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least;  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

## 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

Zion Founded on the Mountain

Zion, founded on the mountains,  
God, thy Maker, loves thee well;  
He has chosen thee, most precious,  
He delights in thee to dwell;  
God's own city, God's own city,  
Who can all thy glory tell?  
God's own city, God's own city,  
Who can all thy glory tell.

Heathen lands and hostile peoples  
Soon shall come the Lord to know;  
Nations born again in Zion  
Shall the Lord's salvation show.  
God Almighty, God Almighty,  
Shall on Zion strength bestow;  
God Almighty, God Almighty,  
Shall on Zion strength bestow.

When the Lord shall count the nations,  
Sons and daughters he shall see,  
Born to endless life in Zion,  
And their joyful song shall be:  
“Blessed Zion, Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee;  
Blessed Zion, Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee.”

He delivers the needy when he calls,  
the poor and him who has no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Micah 5:4–5a

He shall stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure,  
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.  
And he shall be their peace.

### ***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 529**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Tune: HYFRYDOL

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 11:1–18

*A New World Order*

# 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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