

# 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:** Kristi Trahan  
Gray Canales

**Next Sunday:** Dawn O'Banion  
Jack Canales

# Reflection

Be content with doing with calmness the little which depends on yourself and let all else be to you as if it were not.

— François Fénelon

Do little things as if they were great, because of the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, who dwells in you. And do great things as if they were little and easy, because of his omnipotence.

— Blaise Pascal

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

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

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6*

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.** <sup>NRSV</sup>

▲ Psalm 98

*Trinity Psalter*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1–7

God, be gracious to me in your faithful love;  
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my misdeeds.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For well I know my misdeeds,  
and my sins confront me all the time.  
Against you only have I sinned and have done what displeases;  
you are right when you accuse me  
and justified in passing sentence.  
From my birth I have been evil,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
You desire faithfulness in the inmost being,  
so teach me wisdom in my heart.  
Sprinkle me with hyssop, so that I may be cleansed;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>REB</sup>

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

O most mighty God and merciful Father,  
who has compassion upon people of all kinds,  
and hates nothing that you have made;  
and who does not desire the death of a sinner,  
but would rather that we turn from our sin, and be saved:

In your mercy, forgive us our trespasses;  
receive and comfort us,  
we who are grieved and wearied  
with the burden of our sins.

Your character has always been to show mercy;  
and to you alone belongs the right and the ability to forgive sins.  
So we ask that you spare us, good Lord,  
spare us, your people whom you have redeemed.

Do not enter into judgment against your servants,  
but rather turn your anger from us,  
we who meekly acknowledge our transgressions,  
and enable us to truly repent of our faults.

We so hurt in this world,  
that we ask you to come quickly to our aid,  
that we might live forever with you in the world to come,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103:8–14

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
long-suffering and ever faithful;  
he will not always accuse or nurse his anger for ever.  
He has not treated us as our sins deserve  
or repaid us according to our misdeeds.  
As the heavens tower high above the earth,  
so outstanding is his love towards those who fear him.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far from us has he put away our offences.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;  
for he knows how we were made,  
he remembers that we are but dust. <sup>REB</sup>

▲ **The Doxology (#731)**

*Trinity Hymnal*



# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 4:1–5:2 (p.977)

### ▲ Hymn      Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Come, all Christians, be committed  
To the service of the Lord.  
Make your lives for him more fitted,  
Tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness,  
Each his sacred vows renew,  
Turn away from sin and sadness,  
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,  
They are gifts from God above,  
To be used by Christians freely  
To proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior,  
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.  
In your work, with him find favor,  
And with joy his praises sing.

God's command to love each other  
Is required of ev'ry man.  
Showing mercy to a brother  
Mirrors his redemptive plan.  
In compassion he has given  
Of his love that is divine;  
On the cross sins were forgiven;  
Joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,  
All who on Christ's name believe.  
Worship him with consecration,  
Grace and love will you receive.  
For his grace give him the glory,  
For the Spirit and the Word,  
And repeat the gospel story  
Till all men his name have heard.

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 11:19–30 (p. 919)

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## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn**      Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees;  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease.  
We, who rejoice to know Thee,  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway,  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today.  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light,  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night.

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission;  
The same glad message ours,  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers.

*Continues...*

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

O Father who sustained them,  
O Spirit who inspired,  
Savior, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired.  
From cowardice defend us,  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labor for Thy sake.

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
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# 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.**

Words of Institution Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and suffering.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only him.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of 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**

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### **The Collection of Alms and Tithes**

**Hymn 263**    Lift High the Cross

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 11:19–30

*Patterns of a Faithful Church*

# 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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