

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: Amanda Grimes
Audrey Ansell
Next Sunday: Laurie Boswell
Gray Canales

Reflection

Missions is a cross-cultural movement aimed at helping people stop making much of themselves and start making much of their Creator.

Missions is a cross-cultural effort to transform people's hearts so that God is felt to be more praiseworthy than sport stars or military might or artistic achievements or anything else that God has made.

Missions is a cross-cultural endeavor to help people experience God as their Treasure above all earthly treasures forever. It is a life and death struggle to give people eternal life, which consists in knowing and enjoying God forever.

Missions is telling the nations to praise God and then giving them evidences that this is good to do and showing them how God has made a way for sinners to do it because of the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

— John Piper
Sermon on Psalm 117

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;
Through distant lands his triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains,
Own him their Savior and their Head.

O may his holy church increase,
His Word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate his praise,
And saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
From all below, and all above!
In lofty songs exalt his name,
In songs as lasting as his love.

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

Psalm 68: 4, 32–35

Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD; exult before him!

**All: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praises to the LORD.**

Minister: To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.**

Minister: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he
is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All Blessed be God!

▲ **Psalm 96**

Trinity Psalter

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

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

Almighty and merciful God,
who sent your promised Holy Spirit to fill us with willing faith:
We confess that we resist your Spirit among us,
that we are slow to serve you
and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.

Gracious Father,
have mercy on us.
Forgive our divisions
and by your Spirit draw us together.
Inflame us with a desire to do your will
and to be your faithful people
for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ
in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:9–10

But 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.

▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 96 (p. 499)

▲ Hymn

Zion, Founded on the Mountains

Tune: Dubberly

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."
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All our fountains are in thee."

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 12:25–13:12 (p. 921)

Missionaries: God's Gift to the World

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 444** O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

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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

Let thy blood in mercy poured,
Let thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord,
Of thy boundless love the token.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Thou didst die that I might live;
Blessèd Lord, thou cam'st to save me:
All that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
By the spear wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death, I now
Claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
Thou art my exalted King,
Of thy matchless love forgive me.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Matthew 28:18–20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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 474 Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 12:25–13:12

Missionaries: God's Gift to the World

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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