

# 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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*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

Gray Canales

**Next Sunday:** Paula Ea

Jack Canales

# Reflection

Q. 25. *How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?*

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

— Westminster Shorter Catechism

Therefore [Jesus] can help those tempted to sin by all that the wilderness existence entails.

— Richard B. Gaffin Jr.

You think nobody has ever passed through anything like that which you struggle. Oh, remember the Great High Priest who has trodden the path before you, and go to him.

— John Murray

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Shepherd of Tender Youth

Shepherd of tender youth,  
guiding in love and truth  
through winding ways:  
Christ, our triumphant King,  
we come your name to sing;  
here we our children bring  
to shout your praise.

You are the great High Priest  
you have pre-pared the feast  
of heav'nly love:  
while in our mortal pain,  
none calls on you in vain:  
help you do not disdain,  
help from above.

*Forever be our Guide,  
our Shepherd and our pride,  
our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
by your enduring Word,  
lead us where you have trod;  
make our faith strong.*

So now and till we die,  
sound we your praises high,  
and joyful sing:  
infants, and the glad throng  
who to your church belong,  
unite to swell the song  
to Christ our King.

# 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 9:1-2*

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

**All: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

Minister: I will be glad and exult in you;

**All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

✦ **Hymn 156** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

✦ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Ephesians 5:11–18

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

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

*From the 1585 Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate*

I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator,  
that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you,  
not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness,  
unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness,  
envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections,  
as you, my Lord and God, know well,  
and I cannot deeply enough deplore.

But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them,  
and heartily ask you for mercy,  
for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1–5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*  
I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

## ▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

## God Consecrates Us

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Leviticus 16 (p. 95)

## ▲ Hymn 306 Jesus, My Great High Priest

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

**Sermon Text:** Hebrews 4:14–16 (p. 1003)

*Approaching God’s Son with Boldness*

### Prayer of Intercession

## ▲ Hymn Arise, My Soul, Arise

Tune: Kevin Twit

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
before the throne my surety stands,  
before the throne my surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

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Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
his all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

## 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*

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before his feet,  
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea;  
With this I venture nigh:  
Thou call-est burdened souls to thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,  
By war without and fears within,  
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,  
That, sheltered near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
And tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I  
Might plead thy gracious name!

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**

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

**Hymn 176**      Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

#### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Hebrews 4:14–16

*Approaching God's Son with Boldness*



# 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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