

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: Dawn O'Banion
Jack Canales

Next Sunday: Holly Pixley
Greyson Ea

Reflection

I deserve to be damned — I deserve to be in hell — but God interfered!

— Dying remark of John Allen of the Salvation Army

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C-hrist's
E-xpense

— author unknown

Justification is an act of God by which he declares sinners to be righteous by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.

— R. C. Sproul

Justification is the pillar of Christianity. An error about justification is dangerous, like a defect in a foundation. Justification by Christ is a spring of the water of life. To have the poison of corrupt doctrine cast into this spring is damnable.

— Thomas Watson

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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 99:5

Minister: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

All: Holy is he!

▲ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

2 Chronicles 30:9b

“The LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.”

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

O most mighty God and merciful Father,
 who has compassion upon all people,
and who does not desire the death of any sinner,
 but rather that we should turn from our sin, and be saved:

Mercifully forgive us our trespasses.
Receive and comfort us,
 who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins.
Your character is always to have mercy;
 to you only belongs the right to forgive sins.
Spare us, therefore, good Lord,
 spare your people, whom you have redeemed.
Do not enter into judgement with your servants;
 but so turn your anger from us,
we who meekly acknowledge our transgressions,
 and truly repent of our faults.

And be quick to help us in this world, we pray,
 that we may ever live with you in the world to come,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Galatians 2 (p. 972)

▲ Hymn

Come Ye Sinners

Tune: RUF

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, grace, and power:
He is able, he is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, you needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, you weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous—
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, this he gives you;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Continues...

Lo! the incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
He is willing, doubt no more.*

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 15:1–21 (p. 923) *By Grace Alone*

Prayer of Intercession

✦ **Hymn** By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

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1. By grace I am an heir of heaven:
 2. By grace a - lone shall I in - her - it
 3. By grace! These pre - cious words re - mem - ber
 4. By grace! Be this in death my com - fort;



why doubt this, O my trem - bling heart?
 that bliss - ful home be - yond the skies,
 when sore - ly by your sins op - pressed,
 de - spite my fears, 'tis well with me.



If what the Scrip - tures prom - ise clear - ly
 Works count for naught, the Lord in - car - nate
 when Sa - tan comes to vex your spir - it,
 I know my sin in all its great - ness,



is true and firm in ev - 'ry part,
 has won for me the heav'n - ly prize.
 when trou - bled con - science sighs for rest;
 but al - so him who set me free.



this al - so must be truth di - vine:
 Sal - va - tion by his death he wrought,
 what rea - son can - not com - pre - hend,
 My heart to naught but joy gives place



by grace a crown of life is mine.
 his grace a - lone my par - don bought.
 God does to you by grace ex - tend.
 since I am saved by grace, by grace.

God Communes with Us

▲ **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

Hymn — During the bread How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,
and enter while there’s room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

“Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal ... I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

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 80 Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

⤴ The Benediction

⤴ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 15:1–21

By Grace Alone

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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