

# 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  
Jacob Pixley

**Next Sunday:** Amanda Grimes  
Kaleb Ansell

# Reflection

That to which your heart clings is your god.

— Martin Luther

Remember your ultimate purpose, and when you set yourself to your day's work or approach any activity in the world, let HOLINESS TO THE LORD be written upon your hearts in all that you do.

— Richard Baxter

Holiness is not something we are called upon to do in order that we may become something; it is something we are to do because of what we already are.

— D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing ... it is irresistible. If even 10 per cent of the world's population had it, would not the whole world be converted and happy before a year's end?

— C. S. Lewis

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you;  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn  
Angels choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy Lord.”

Lo! the apostolic train  
Join your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim you,  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we sing this mystery.

# 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 108:1-4*

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God!  
I will sing and make melody with all my being!

**All: Awake, O harp and lyre!  
I will awake the dawn!**

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

✦ **Hymn 100** Holy, Holy, Holy!

✦ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Ezekiel 14:6b

“Thus says the Lord God: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.”

Lev. 20:26

“You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.”

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

Gracious God,  
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus  
to direct us in the way of life.  
You offer us your Holy Spirit  
so that we can be born to new life as your children.  
Yet, O God, we confess  
that the ways of death have a strong attraction  
and that we often succumb to their lure.

Forgive us our idolatries and spiritual adulteries, O God.  
Cleanse us through the shed blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Give us the vision, the courage and the desire  
to choose and nurture holiness of life,  
that we may receive your blessing,  
through our blessed Savior Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

## ▲ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Leviticus 19 (p. 97)

▲ Hymn 558 That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 15:19–35 (p. 924)

*Holy Living: A Response to Grace*

### Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn Holy Spirit

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.**

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

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup



Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would gracious be;  
help me now Thy grace to see,  
I would be like Thee;  
and, with words that help and heal,  
Thy life would mine reveal;  
and, with actions, bold and meek  
for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would truthful be;  
help me now Thy truth to see,  
I would be like Thee;  
and, with wisdom kind and clear,  
Thy life in mine appear;  
and, with actions lovingly,  
speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would holy be;  
show thy mercy tenderly,  
make me more like thee;  
separate from sin I would  
and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be  
give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would mighty be,  
help me now thy power to see,  
I would be like Thee;  
'gainst all weapons hell can wield,  
be Thou my strength and shield;  
let Thy Word my weapon be,  
Lord, Thine the victory.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

### **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 585** Take My Life, and Let It Be

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

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# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 15:19–35

*Holy Living: A Response to Grace*

# 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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