

# 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:** Amanda Grimes  
Kaleb Ansell  
**Next Sunday:** Kristi Trahan  
Jack Canales

# Reflection

To observe people in conflict is a necessary part of a child's education. It helps him to understand and accept his own occasional hostilities and to realize that differing opinions need not imply an absence of love.

— Milton R. Sapirstein

If God be our God, He will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble.

— Thomas Watson

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Key of David, come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

# 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 116:12–14, 19b*

Minister: What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,**

Minister: I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

✦ **Hymn 40**    God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

✦ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 116:1–2

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken:  
We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.  
We betray our neighbors, desert our friends,  
and run in fear when we should be loyal.  
Though you have bound yourself to us,  
we have not bound ourselves to you.

Gracious Father,  
have mercy on us weak and willful people.  
Forgive us our sin,  
through the cross of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Lead us once again to your table,  
and unite us to Christ,  
who is the bread of life  
and the vine from which we grow in grace.  
Hear us, we pray, for his sake alone. Amen.

## ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 4:14–16

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

## ✠ *The Doxology* (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

# God Consecrates Us

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading of Scripture**

Matthew 18 (p. 823)

▲ **Hymn 95**    Though Troubles Assail Us

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 15:36–41 (p. 924) *Christians in Conflict*

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 108**    Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

## 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



Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright,  
How Christ the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him,  
As angel heralds said.

This flow'r with fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us  
And lightens every load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know,  
Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven  
And to the endless day.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

### ***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 691**    It Is Well with My Soul

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 15:36–41

*Christians in Conflict*

# 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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