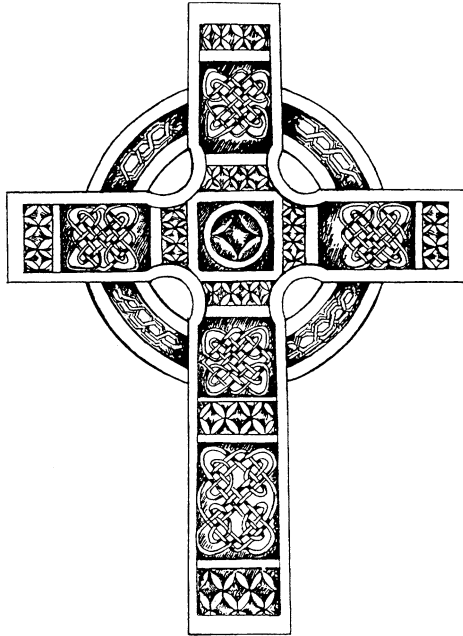


Order for the Public Worship of God

I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you
the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



29 December 2019

*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
Jacob Pixley
Next Sunday: Lori Peterson
Gray Canales

Reflection

He was created of a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that he formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, he the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.

—Augustine of Hippo

The Only Begotten Word of God has saved us by putting on our likeness. Suffering in the flesh, and rising from the dead, he revealed our nature as greater than death or corruption. What he achieved was beyond the ability of our condition, and what seemed to have been worked out in human weakness and by suffering was really stronger than men and a demonstration of the power that pertains to God.

—Cyril of Alexandria

The Word introduced Himself into that which He was not, in order that the nature of man also might become what it was not, resplendent, by its union, with the grandeur of divine majesty, which has been raised beyond nature rather than that it has cast the unchangeable God beneath its nature.

—Cyril of Alexandria

Immanuel, God with us in our nature, and our sorrow, and our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendor.

—Charles Spurgeon

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

From heaven high I come to you,
I bring you tidings good and new;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing.

This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

Welcome to earth, thou noble guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
In my distress thou com'st to me;
What thanks shall I return to thee?

Score

From Heaven High I Come to You

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

Martin Luther

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff covers measures 1-4, the second staff covers measures 5-8, and the third staff covers measures 9-12. The lyrics are in German and English. The English lyrics are: 'From heaven high I come to you, I bring you tidings good and new; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing. This is the Christ, our God and Lord, Who in all need shall aid afford; He will himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free. Welcome to earth, thou noble guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest! In my distress thou com'st to me; What thanks shall I return to thee?' The German lyrics are: 'Von Himmel hoch I come to you, Ich bring euch gute Kunde; Gute Kunde von großer Freude, Die ich nun sagen will und sing. Dies ist der Christus, unser Gott und Herr, Der in aller Noth Hilfe bringet; Er will sich selbst euer Heiler sein Von aller Sünde euch zu setzen frei. Willkommen auf der Erde, du edler Gast, Durch den die sündliche Welt ist besetzt! In meiner Noth kommst du zu mir; Was danke soll ich dir erwidern?' The score includes measure numbers 3 and 6 at the beginning of their respective staves.

From hea - ven high I come to you, I
This is the Christ, our God and Lord, who
Wel - come to earth, thou no - ble guest, through
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Sav - ior be from all your sins to set you free.
com'st to me; what thanks shall I re - turn to thee?

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!** *Psalms 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

Minister: The Word was made flesh,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: and dwelt among us,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: Jesus, Son of the living God,
splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness,
born of the virgin Mary:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God,
Everlasting Father:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls,
perfect in holiness:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor,
Treasure of the faithful:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom,
our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Minister: Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy,

for he has been glorified!

All: Amen.

▲ **Hymn 208** O Come, All Ye Faithful

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

God of love,

all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness.

All season long we covet great material gifts,
when you alone offer what is lasting.

Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth,
forgive us,
heal us,
correct us.

Then open our lips,
that we may sing your praise with the angels,
and remake our lives,
that we may witness to your transforming love.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9–10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

⤴ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

1 John 5:1–12 (p. 1023)

⤴ **Hymn 218** Angels from the Realms of Glory

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: John 1:1–14 (p. 886) *The Word Became Flesh*

Prayer of Intercession

⤴ **Hymn 217** All My Heart This Night Rejoices

God Communes with Us

⤴ **Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed** p. 846, *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

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending he
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessèd,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heaven-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected,
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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 195 Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

John 1:1–14

The Word Became Flesh

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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