

# 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*  
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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:** Lori Peterson  
Gray Canales

**Next Sunday:** Mary Jo Canales  
Audrey Ansell

# Reflection

All worry is atheism, because it is want of trust of God.

— Bishop Fulton Sheen

Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside ourselves?

— Martin Luther

In all trouble you should seek God. You should not set him over against your troubles, but within them. God can only relieve your troubles if you in your anxiety cling to him. Trouble should not really be thought of as this thing or that in particular, for our whole life on earth involves trouble; and through the troubles of our earthly pilgrimage we find God.

— Augustine of Hippo

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sin, long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing  
thine own peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

# 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 66:1–9, 16, 20*

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!

**All: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power  
that your enemies come cringing to you.**

Minister: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

**All: they sing praises to your name.”**

Minister: Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**All: He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.**

Minister: There did we rejoice in him,  
who rules by his might forever,

**All: whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Minister: Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,

**All: who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.**

Minister: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**All: Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

▲ **Psalm 46**

*Trinity Psalter*  
Tune: ELLACOMBE

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## **God Cleanses Us**

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### **Call to Confession of Sin**

Hebrews 10:1–4

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

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

Holy and merciful and great God,  
we are reminded of our sins  
every hour, every day, every week, every year.  
It is impossible for our sins to be taken away  
by the blood of bulls and goats,  
by our own good works,  
by offerings or vows or self–mortification,  
by all the sacrifices we can make or bring,  
or any effort on our part to be reconciled to you,

Only the Lord Jesus, our great High Priest  
who is also the spotless Lamb,  
can take away our sins  
by his perfect life and substitutionary death on our behalf.

Forgive us, Father, for our lack of faith,  
our paralyzing fear,  
our failure to trust your covenant promises,  
our sinful attempts to provide our own certainty  
and righteousness and salvation.

Cleanse us, we pray,  
and keep us moving forward  
by your grace, in your strength, for your glory.  
Through Christ our Savior, Amen.

### ▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 10:12–14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

### ▲ **The Doxology** (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## **God Consecrates Us**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Reading of Scripture**

2 Timothy 1:1–2:13 (p. 995)

### ▲ **Hymn 613** Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Exodus 14 (p. 56) *Up Against a Wall*

### **Prayer of Intercession**

### ▲ **Hymn 94** How Firm a Foundation



# 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

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound,  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their  
shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## **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 455    And Can It Be That I Should Gain**

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, should die for me?  
*Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, should die for me?*

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mystery all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.  
*'Tis mystery all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.*

He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!)  
and bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:

for, O my God, it found out me.  
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free:*  
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
*My chains fell off, my heart was free;*  
*I rose, went forth, and followed thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteous divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, though Christ, my own.  
*Bold I approach the eternal throne,*  
*and claim the crown, though Christ, my own.*

## ▲ **The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Exodus 14

*Up Against a Wall*



# 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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