

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: Mary Jo Canales
Jack Canales

Next Sunday: Holly Pixley
Greyson Ea

Reflection

Not only has Christ done what the Aaronic high priest could not do, but he has also annulled that priesthood. An alteration in the priesthood has taken place. As the fulfillment of the Melchizedek high priesthood, the priesthood of Christ has total and definitive saving efficacy. He continues his high priestly role in making intercession for us.

— Robert Letham

Christ's priesthood was an external act begun on earth, yet the continuation, consummation, and full accomplishment of all is in heaven.

— William Gouge

Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

— Westminster Shorter Catechism

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

None Other Lamb, None Other Name

None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to thee.

Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire though art, however cold I be:
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home, but 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!** *Psalm 124:8*

Minister: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1–4

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

**All: His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

Minister: The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the
nations.

**All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

Minister: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

▲ **Hymn 159** O Savior, Precious Savior

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6–7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

Injured King and almighty Judge,
what can we say to the charges against us?
You know our foolishness. None of our sins are hidden from you.
Our consciences tell us
that denying our crimes would only increase them,
and add new fuel to the fire of wrath we deserve.
We are more guilty than we can say.
Our hearts speak more than any accuser.
And you, Lord, are much greater than our hearts.
If any more humiliation or terror is needed for our salvation,
may we bear it all!
Wound our hearts, Lord,
so you can afterward heal them.
Break them in pieces,
if you will bind them up in the end. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 86:4–5

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

▲ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 110 (p. 509)

♣ Psalm 110

Trinity Psalter

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Miller Ansell

Sermon Text: Hebrews 8 (p. 1005)

Jesus Christ Our Great High Priest

Prayer of Intercession

♣ Hymn 306 Jesus, My Great High Priest

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.**

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn — During the bread Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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 305 Arise, My Soul, Arise

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 8

Jesus Christ Our Great High Priest

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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