

# 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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# Reflection

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

— Matthew 22:36–40

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again:  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill,  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnish-ed  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

# 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 95:6–7*

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

## Hymn 2

## O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.  
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

## Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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

Lord Jesus Christ,

you came to serve.

As you came to a blind man and gave him sight,

come to us in our darkness

and show us your light that we otherwise cannot see.

As you came to a man tormented in his mind

and gave him peace and healing,

come to us in our brokenness and make us whole.

As you came to Lazarus, who was dead,

and brought him from the grave,

come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life

now with you, our living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you came not to be served but to serve.

But we see life the other way round:

to get where we do not give,

to exploit whom we have not helped,

to use what we have not earned.

As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise,

come to us now in forgiveness,

grant us renewed obedience

and give us the hope of eternal life to come.

In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen.

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Exodus 34:6–7

The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

**The Doxology (#731)**

*Trinity Hymnal*

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

## Reading of Scripture

Romans 8:18–39

## Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri*** (#735)

*Trinity Hymnal*



## Hymn 353

## I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:  
her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye,  
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Exodus 34:18–24

*Worship in the Age of Coronavirus*

## Prayer of Intercession

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.*

# God Commissions and Blesses Us

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Hymn 668

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

Who trusts in God, a strong abode  
in heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love to Christ above,  
No fear his heart oppresses.  
In you alone, dear Lord, we own  
sweet hope and consolation:  
Our shield from foes, our balm for woes,  
our great and sure salvation.

Though Satan's wrath beset our path,  
And worldly scorn assail us,  
While you are near we will not fear,  
Your strength shall never fail us:  
Your rod and staff shall keep us safe,  
and guide our steps forever;  
Nor shades of death, nor hell beneath,  
Our souls from you shall sever.

In all the strife of mortal life  
our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,  
for you shall guard us surely.  
O God, renew, with heav'nly dew,  
our body, soul, and spirit,  
Until we stand at your right hand,  
through Jesus' saving merit.

## The Benediction

### *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.

# 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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