

# 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

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**Biblical** **Confessional** **Reformed**

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# Reflection

God never does anything to you that isn't for you.

— Author unknown

Faith is not believing that God can, but that God will.

— Abraham Lincoln

*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to his providence.

— Augustine of Hippo

*The City of God*

When once the light of Divine Providence has illumined the believer's soul, he is relieved and set free, not only from the extreme fear and anxiety which formerly oppressed him, but from all care. For as he justly shudders at the idea of chance, so he can confidently commit himself to God.

— John Calvin

*Institutes of the Christian Religion*

If I could give you information about my own life, it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in his service what he has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I have never refused God anything.

— Florence Nightingale

in a letter to Dr. Lemuel Moss

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

Psalm 122

*Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

I was filled with joy and gladness when they said with one accord,  
“Let us make our pilgrim journey to the house of God the Lord.”  
O Jerus’lem, O Jerus’lem, we are standing in your gates;  
We are standing in your gates.

As a city bound together is Jerusalem designed.  
There, by law, the tribes ascending thank the Lord in praise combined.  
Thrones of David, thrones of David, there for royal justice stand;  
There for royal justice stand.

Pray for peace, the peace of Zion: “Prosper those who love you well!  
Peace be in your walls forever; safety in your towers dwell!”  
Peace and safety, peace and safety in Jerusalem abound;  
In Jerusalem abound.

For the sake of my companions, for my brothers, I will say:  
“May God’s peace abide within you!” For the temple’s sake I pray.  
For the Lord’s house, for the Lord’s house I will ever seek your good;  
I will ever seek your good.

# 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 115:1, 12a, 13–15, 18*

Minister: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name  
give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness!

**All: The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;  
he will bless those who fear the LORD,  
both the small and the great.**

Minister: May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth!

**All: We will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!**

## ▲ Hymn 80 Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee  
For the bliss thy love bestows,  
For the pard'ning grace that saves me,  
And the peace which from it flows.  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;  
This dull soul to rapture raise:  
Thou must light the flame, or never  
Can my loved be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
Wretched wand'rer far astray;  
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee

From the paths of death away.  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
Him who saw thy guiltborn fear,  
And, the light of hope revealing,  
Bade the bloodstained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee  
To that cross, new life to give,  
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,  
Bade thee look to him and live.  
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,  
Roused thee from thy fatal ease;  
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,  
Praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
Vainly would my lips express:  
Low before thy footstool kneeling,  
Deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.  
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,  
Love's pure flame within me raise;  
And, since words can never measure,  
Let my life show forth thy praise.

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

### **God Cleanses Us**

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

Ezekiel 33:11

As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.  
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,  
our secret and our whispering sins,  
our presumptuous and our careless sins,

the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.

Forgive us the sins that we know,  
and the sins that we know not;  
forgive them, O Lord,  
forgive them all because of your great goodness.  
And grant us grace through your empowering Holy Spirit,  
to amend our ways and to live for your glory.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you,  
pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

▲ **The Doxology** (#731)

*Trinity Hymnal*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Matthew 6:19–34

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

How can a young man cleanse his way?  
Let him with care Your word obey.  
With all my heart I seek for You;  
From Your commands let me not stray.

Your Word I've treasured in my heart  
So that from You I will not turn,  
That I'll not sin, O blessed Lord,  
Your statutes teach, that I may learn.

I have repeated with my lips  
All of the laws Your mouth has told,  
I have rejoiced in Your commands  
As one delights in purest gold.

I on Your precepts meditate,  
And I will ponder all Your ways.  
I will delight in Your decrees,  
Your word rememb'ring all my days.

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 19:21–22

*Godly Ambition*

<sup>21</sup>Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.” <sup>22</sup>And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

### **Prayer of Intercession**



Teach me, O Lord, thy holy way,  
and give me an obedient mind;  
that in thy service I may find  
my soul's delight from day to day.

Guide me, O Savior, with thy hand,  
and so control my thoughts and deeds,  
that I may tread the path which leads  
right onward to the blessed land.

Help me, O Savior, here to trace  
the sacred footsteps thou has trod;  
and meekly walking with my God,  
to grow in goodness, truth, and grace.  
Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne'er  
forsake the right or do the wrong:  
Against temptation make me strong,  
and round me spread thy shelt'ring care.

Bless me in ev'ry task, O Lord,  
Begun, continued, done for thee:  
Fulfil thy perfect work in me;  
and thine abounding grace afford.

# God Communes with Us

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## ▲ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

p. 845 *Trinity Hymnal*

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*

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

# 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

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands;  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of my guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless, righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself; I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

***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 642 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 19:21–22

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# 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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