

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.

Reflection

I have never met a soul who has set out to satisfy the Lord and has not been satisfied himself.

— Watchman Nee
Normal Christian Life

Mission is not a burden laid upon the church; it is a gift and a promise to the church that is faithful. The command arises from the gift. Jesus reigns and all authority has been given to him in earth and heaven. When we understand that, we shall not need to be told to let it be known. Rather, we shall not be able to keep silent.

— Lesslie Newbigin
Mission in Christ's Way

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's wall surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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 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.**

▲ Psalm 136

O thank the Lord, for he is good,
His love endures forever!
Give thanks unto the God of gods,
His love endures forever!
Give thanks unto the Lord of lords,
His love endures forever!
To him alone who does great works,
His love endures forever!

He brought all Isr'el through the Sea,
His love endures forever!
But drowned the Pharaoh's company,
His love endures forever!
Who through the desert led his sons,
His love endures forever!
Who killed the kings, the mighty ones,
His love endures forever!

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Praise him whose wisdom made the heav'ns,
His love endures forever!
Who o'er the seas the earth has spread,
His love endures forever!
Who made great lights for day and night,
His love endures forever!
The sun and moon and stars on high,
His love endures forever!

He struck down Egypt's firstborn sons,
His love endures forever!
And brought out Isr'el's chosen ones,
His love endures forever!
With outstretched arm and mighty hand,
His love endures forever!
Who split the Sea to form dry land,
His love endures forever!

He saw us in our low estate,
His love endures forever!
And saved us from our foes who hate,
His love endures forever!
Each creature's food he does supply,
His love endures forever!
Give thanks to God enthroned on high,
His love endures forever!

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Ephesians 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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

O God, you have shown us the way of life
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn from him,
our failure to follow him,
and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We ask these things,
resting solely on the finished work of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalms 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⤴ 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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Zechariah 2:10–3:10

¹⁰ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. ¹¹ And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. ¹² And the LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.”

¹³ Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

^{3:1} Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?” ³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” ⁵ And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

⁶ And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, ⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. ⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. ¹⁰ In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand;
 Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more,
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all thy journey through;
 Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
 Be thou still my strength and shield,
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side;
 Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee,
 I will ever give to Thee.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Acts 20:1–16 *What Matters Most*

¹ After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia.

² When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. ³ There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

⁴ Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, ⁶ but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

⁷On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. ⁸There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." ¹¹And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. ¹²And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

¹³But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. ¹⁴And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. ¹⁵And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. ¹⁶For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn

Come, All Christians, Be Committed *Tune: BEACH SPRING*

Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness,
Each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,
They are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.
In your work, with him find favor,
And with joy his praises sing.

God's command to love each other
Is required of ev'ry man.
Showing mercy to a brother
Mirrors his redemptive plan.
In compassion he has given
Of his love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven;
Joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,
All who on Christ's name believe.
Worship him with consecration,
Grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Till all men his name have heard.

God Communes with Us

▲ 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

Preserve me, O my God;
I put my trust in You.
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord;
No good have I but You.
The godly ones on earth,
Those holy in Your sight,
The noble and majestic ones,
Fill me with great delight.

Their sorrows multiply
Who after idols seek.
To them I'll no blood of off'rings make;
Their names I'll never speak.
The LORD the portion is
Of my inheritance.
He fills my cup, my lot prepares,
Secures to me His grants.

The lines that fell to me
Enclose a pleasant site.
The heritage that I received
To me is a delight.
I bless the LORD Who guides
With counsel that is right.
My heart within me He directs
To teach me in the night.

I always keep the LORD
Before me, Him to see.
Because He is at my right hand
I never moved shall be.
Thus gladness fills my soul;
My joy must be expressed
With my whole being, for my flesh
Securely finds its rest.

Continues...

My soul You will not leave
In death's dark pit to be.
Corruption You will not permit
Your Holy One to see.
The path of life You'll show;
Of joy You hold great store.
Before Your face, at Your right hand;
Are pleasures evermore.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Ephesians 2:1–10

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

⤴ The Benediction

⤴ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 20:1–16

What Matters Most



Congratulations Class of 2020

- Kaleb Ansell
- Aidan Pipkin

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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