

# 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  

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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

The same church members who yell like Comanche Indians at a ball game on Saturday sit like wooden Indians in church on Sunday.

— Vance Havner

Let them pretend what they please, the true reason why any despise the new birth is because they hate a new life.

— John Owen

If the second birth hath no place in you, the second death shall have power over you.

— William Dyer

None will have such a sad parting from Christ as those who went halfway with him and then left him.

— William Gurnall

We cannot be changed by altering a few of our bad habits. Reformation will not do, for the disease of sin has captured our very life system. We need regeneration, a new heart.

— Will Metzger

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Tune: BRIAN MURPHY

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good,  
To them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.  
*Shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

# 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 107:1–2*

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All:** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble.

## ▲ Hymn 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God in deed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

## ▲ 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*)

Dear Lord,

we have gathered this morning to worship and praise you.

You are, after all, our King;

you are our Lord,

you are the One who created us and gave us life.

You never leave us.

You are always reaching out your hand to lift us up.

We praise you.

But we also come to confess our sins to you,

to open the hidden places of our hearts before you.

We confess that we forget that you love us more than anything

and that you call us to follow you alone.

We too often arrange our lives around the idols of this world

and not around you.

We want what others have

or what they tell us to want.

We are afraid of rejection by the world,

forgetting that we already have your approval through Christ,

and that you are the only one we need to serve.

We look for love in ways

that will never bring us peace or lasting joy.

O Lord, please hear our confession,

for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died in our place.

We are sorry for our sin.

Please forgive us and cleanse us with the blood of Christ.

We ask this in his precious name. *Amen.*

## ⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 33:6–9, 14–16

“Behold, I will bring to [Jerusalem] health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them. They shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

## ⤴ *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

Ezekiel 37:1–15

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”



▲ **Hymn 332**    Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
with all your quick'nin pow'rs;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
in vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live  
at this poor dying rate?  
Our love, so faint, so cold to you,  
and yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,  
with all your quick'ning pow'rs;  
come, shed a broad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 20:7–12 *Falling Asleep in Church*

<sup>7</sup>On 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. <sup>8</sup>There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." <sup>11</sup>And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. <sup>12</sup>And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ Hymn 567 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,  
from thy sleep awaken;  
Be not by the evil day  
unaware's o'er taken.  
For the foe, well we know,  
oft his harvest reapeth  
while the Christian sleepeth.

Watch against the devil's snares,  
lest from sleep he find thee;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
to deceive and blind thee.  
Satan's prey, oft are they  
who secure are sleeping  
and no watch are keeping.

Watch! Let not the wicked world  
with its pow'r defeat thee.  
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled  
she betray and cheat thee.  
Watch and see, lest there be  
faithless friends to charm thee,  
who but seek to harm thee.

Watch against myself thy soul,  
lest with grace thou trifle;  
Let not self thy thoughts control  
nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin, lurk within  
all thy hopes to scatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

But while watching, also pray  
to the Lord unceasing.  
He will free thee, be thy stay,  
strength and faith increasing.  
O Lord, bless in distress  
and let nothing swerve me  
from the will to serve thee.

# 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

Hymn — During the bread

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,  
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.  
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,  
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,  
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;  
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,  
When I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.

*Continues...*

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near;  
No whelming floods shall reach them,  
nor cause their hearts to fear.  
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill,  
And songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,  
And with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know.  
But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand;  
Be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,  
But those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.  
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice.  
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

Ezekiel 36:25–28

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your 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 558 That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God

That man is blest who, fearing God,  
From sin restrains his feet,  
Who will not stand with wicked men,  
Who shuns the scorners' seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God's law  
His portion and delight,  
And meditates upon that law  
With gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree  
Set by the rivers' side;  
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,  
And thus his works abide.

The wicked like the driven chaff  
Are swept from off the land;  
They shall not gather with the just,  
Nor in the judgment stand.

The Lord will guard the righteous well,  
Their way to him is known;  
The way of sinners, far from God,  
Shall surely be o'erthrown.

## ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 20:7-12

*Falling Asleep in Church*

# 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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