

# 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

As the soldier follows his general, as the servant follows his master, as the scholar follows his teacher, as the sheep follows its shepherd, just so ought the professing Christian to follow Christ.

— J. C. Ryle

These are two marks of Christ's sheep not to be found on any other; but they are to be found on all his own—the mark on the ear: "My sheep hear my voice."—the mark on the foot: "I know them, and they follow me."

— Charles Spurgeon

Our Lord has many weak children in his family, many dull pupils in his school, many raw soldiers in his army, many lame sheep in his flock. Yet he bears with them all, and casts none away. Happy is that Christian who has learned to do likewise with his brethren.

— J. C. Ryle

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Shepherd of Tender Youth

Shepherd of tender youth,  
guiding in love and truth  
through winding ways:  
Christ, our triumphant King,  
we come your name to sing;  
here we our children bring  
to shout your praise.

*You are our holy Lord,  
the all-subduing Word,  
healer of strife:  
you did yourself abase,  
that from sin's deep disgrace  
you might now save our race,  
and give us life.*

You are the great High Priest  
you have pre-pared the feast  
of heav'nly love:  
while in our mortal pain,  
none calls on you in vain:  
help you do not disdain,  
help from above.

*Forever be our Guide,  
our Shepherd and our pride,  
our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
by your enduring Word,  
lead us where you have trod;  
make our faith strong.*

So now and till we die,  
sound we your praises high,  
and joyful sing:  
infants, and the glad throng  
who to your church belong,  
unite to swell the song  
to Christ our King.

# 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 105:1–3*

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

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

▲ **Hymn 165**    Ye Servants of God, Your Master                      *Trinity Hymnal*

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh — his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son!  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and power, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## 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*)

Gracious heavenly Father,  
the Giver and Author of life,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but all we like sheep have gone astray,  
we have turned—every one—to our own way,  
rejecting your will for our lives.  
Thank you, O gracious God, that in your love,  
you laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all.  
That gives us confidence to admit,  
in humility, and resting on the finished work of Christ,  
that we are sinners in need of your grace.

Forgive us, Lord, for being impatient  
and failing to turn our hearts toward you.  
Instead of seeking the inner peace of your presence,  
we have given in to our fears and temptations.  
Grant us the courage to trust you as you guide us through life.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us,  
and create in us the desire  
to live every moment for you,  
and to please you in every way.  
We pray these things in the name  
of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

⤴ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 53:4–6

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

⤴ **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 33

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, <sup>3</sup> and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, <sup>4</sup> then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. <sup>5</sup> He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. <sup>6</sup> But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.

<sup>7</sup> “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup> “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup> Say to them, 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, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup> “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his

righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup> Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup> Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup> if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup> None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup> “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup> When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup> And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup> Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

<sup>21</sup> In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, a fugitive from Jerusalem came to me and said, “The city has been struck down.” <sup>22</sup> Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me the evening before the fugitive came; and he had opened my mouth by the time the man came to me in the morning, so my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.

<sup>23</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>24</sup> “Son of man, the inhabitants of these waste places in the land of Israel keep saying, ‘Abraham was only one man, yet he got possession of the land; but we are many; the land is surely given us to possess.’ <sup>25</sup> Therefore say to them, Thus says the LORD God: You eat flesh with the blood and lift up your eyes to your idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land? <sup>26</sup> You rely on the sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor’s wife; shall you then possess the land? <sup>27</sup> Say this to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds and in caves shall die by pestilence. <sup>28</sup> And I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall come to an end, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that none will pass through. <sup>29</sup> Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have

made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations that they have committed.

<sup>30</sup>“As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, ‘Come, and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’ <sup>31</sup>And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain. <sup>32</sup>And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it. <sup>33</sup>When this comes—and come it will!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

▲ **Hymn 610**    “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said    *Trinity Hymnal*

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said,  
“if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.”

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
your Lord refused not e’en to die  
upon a cross, on Calv’ry’s hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly sin’s wild deluge brave;  
‘twill guide you to a better home,  
it points to glory o’er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow on,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only he who bears the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

**Sermon Text:** Acts 20:17–38 *Blueprint for the Church*

<sup>17</sup> Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

<sup>36</sup> And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. <sup>37</sup> And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, <sup>38</sup> being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 599**          Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us          *Trinity Hymnal*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Let us early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Let us early turn to thee.

*Continues...*

Early let us seek thy favor,  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

## 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*    Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered:  
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,  
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.



“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

“And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

### ***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 575**    Soldiers of Christ, Arise

*Trinity Hymnal*

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armor on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies  
through his Eternal Son.  
Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
and in his mighty pow'r,  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
But take, to arm you for the fight,  
The panoply of God.  
Leave no unguarded place,  
no weakness of the soul;  
take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace,  
and fortify the whole.

To keep your armor bright,  
attend with constant care;  
still walking in your Captain's sight,  
and watching unto prayer.  
from strength to strength go on;  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the pow'rs of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day.

## ▲ **The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 20:17–38

*Blueprint for the 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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