

# 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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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

Just think: Every promise God has ever made finds its fulfillment in Jesus. God doesn't just give us grace; he gives us Jesus, the Lord of grace. If it's peace, it's only found in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Even life itself is found in the Resurrection and the Life. Christianity isn't all that complicated ... it's Jesus.

— Joni Eareckson Tada  
*Lamp unto My Feet*

A man is only as good as what he loves.

— Saul Bellow  
*Seize the Day*

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**

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### **Prelude**

I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord

*Tune: AZMON*

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,  
Maintain the honor of his Word, the glory of his cross.

Jesus, my God! I know his name, his name is all my trust;  
Nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

Firm as his throne his promise stands, and he can well secure  
What I've committed to his hands till the decisive hour.

Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's face,  
And in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

# 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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 103:20–22*

Minister: Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

**All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!**

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

▲ **Hymn 66**      God Is Known among His People

God is known among his people,  
every mouth his praises fill;  
from of old he has established  
his abode on Zion's hill;  
there he broke the sword and arrow,  
bade the noise of war be still.

Excellent and glorious are you,  
with your trophies from the fray;  
you have slain the mighty warriors,  
wrapped in sleep of death are they;  
when your anger once is risen,  
who can stand in that dread day?

When from heav'n your sentence sounded,  
all the earth in fear was still,  
while to save the meek and lowly  
God in judgment wrought his will;  
e'en the wrath of man shall praise you,  
your designs it shall fulfil.

Vow and pay unto Jehovah,  
him your God for ever own;  
all men, bring your gifts before him  
worship him, and him alone;  
mighty kings obey and fear him,  
princes bow before his throne.

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare us who confess our faults.  
Restore us who are penitent,  
according to your promises  
declared in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

⬆ **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

John 17

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup>“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

▲ **Hymn 296** All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Acts 24:22–27    *Your Passion*

<sup>22</sup> But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” <sup>23</sup> Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

<sup>24</sup> After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” <sup>26</sup> At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. <sup>27</sup> When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

## Prayer of Intercession

### Reception of New Members

- Adam Casinelli
- Evie Grimes (communing member)
- Jack Grimes (communing member)
- Daniel and Whitney Hammaker, and Lynlee
- Timothy and Heidi Hammons, Andy and Joey

▲ Hymn 706 Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

Jesus lives, and so shall I.  
Death! thy sting is gone forever!  
He who deigned for me to die,  
Lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme:  
And, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him,  
Ever living, ever reigning.  
Me he raises from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace,  
Vict'ry o'er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
Ever to his glory living.  
Me he raises from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well  
Naught from him my heart can sever,  
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,  
Joy nor grief, henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now  
But my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou  
Hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just:  
Jesus is the Christian's trust.

# 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 Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place  
with Christ within the doors,  
while everlasting love displays  
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
join to admire the feast,  
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,  
and enter while there’s room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice,  
and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast  
that sweetly drew us in;  
else we had still refused to taste,  
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,  
constrain the earth to come;  
send your victorious Word abroad,  
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,  
that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
sing your redeeming grace.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
How blessed is that person who takes refuge in him!

Matthew 11:28–29

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” <sup>NRSV</sup>

### ***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 Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees;  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease.  
We, who rejoice to know Thee,  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway,  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today.  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light,  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night.

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission;  
The same glad message ours,  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers.

*Continues...*

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

O Father who sustained them,  
O Spirit who inspired,  
Savior, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired.  
From cowardice defend us,  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labor for Thy sake.

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

## ▲ **The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Acts 24:22–27

*Your Passion*

# 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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