

# 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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*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.

### SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY

<b>Sunday School</b>	Mary Jo Canales Lori Peterson
<b>Worship</b>	Mary Jo Canales Lori Peterson

# Reflection

Many, when they think on occasion about their baptism, do so but for a moment, and then in a very aloof, superficial manner, without penetrating to the efficacy of their baptism. No longer proceed this way, nor deprive yourself of that which is declared in your baptism.

— Wilhelmus à Brakel

Though sin may remain as an outlaw, yet let it not reign as king.

— Matthew Henry

We are not found in a state of perfection as soon as we have been baptized into Jesus Christ, and His death. When we are baptized into everlasting life and the kingdom of heaven, we do not at once fully possess its full wealth. We have merely taken the first steps to seek after eternal life.

— Martin Luther

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down though eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,  
and the earth is filled with your glory.

# 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 9:1-2*

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

**All: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

Minister: I will be glad and exult in you;

**All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

▲ **Hymn 3**      Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise;  
Mercy and truth are all his ways,  
Wonders of grace to God belong:  
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
The King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,  
And fixed the starry lights on high:  
Wonders of grace to God belong:  
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;  
He bids the moon direct the night:  
His mercies ever shall endure  
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with power to save  
From guilt, and darkness, and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet,  
And leads us to his heavenly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When this vain world shall be no more.

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Colossians 3:5–9

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.

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

O God, we bless you for the happy moment  
when we first saw your law fulfilled in Christ,  
wrath appeased, death destroyed,  
sin forgiven, and our soul saved.

Ever since you have been faithful to us:  
daily have we proved the power of Jesus' blood,  
daily have we known the strength of the Spirit.

We want no other foundation to build upon.

Forgive us if we have tried to add anything to the one foundation,  
if we have unconsciously relied upon our knowledge,  
experience, deeds, and not seen them as filthy rags,  
if we have attempted to complete  
what is perfect in Christ.

May our cry always be, "Only Jesus! Only Jesus!"

Forgive us and be merciful  
for the sake of Jesus and his good works  
credited to our account.

We ask in our Savior's name. *Amen.*



▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 2:24–25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

▲ **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

1 Peter 3:18–4:19

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

<sup>4:1</sup> Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup>so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup>For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup>With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup>but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

▲ Hymn 415     Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
among your seed, your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin:  
your Spirit e'er shall live within.

My loving Father, me you've taken  
fore'er to be your child and heir;  
my faithful Savior, me you've given  
your righteous, holy life to share;  
O Holy Spirit, you will be  
a comfort, guide, and help to me.

And I have vowed to fear and love you,  
and to obey you, Lord, alone;  
because the Holy Spirit moved me,  
I dared to pledge myself your own,  
renouncing sin to keep the faith  
and war with evil unto death.

My faithful God, your Word fails never,  
your cov'nant surely will abide;  
oh, cast me not away forever,  
should I transgress it on my side!  
Though I have oft my soul defiled,  
in love forgive, restore your child.

Yes, all I am and love most dearly  
I offer now, O Lord, to you.  
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely,  
and what I say, help me to do.  
Let naught within me, naught I own,  
serve any will but yours alone.

And never let my purpose falter,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
but keep me faithful to your altar,  
till you shall call me from my post.  
So unto you I live and die  
and praise you evermore on high.

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and

to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 491**    I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

I need thee, precious Jesus, for I am full of sin;  
My soul is dark and guilty, my heart is dead within.  
I need the cleansing fountain where I can always flee,  
The blood of Christ most precious, the sinner's perfect plea.

I need thee, precious Jesus, for I am very poor;  
A stranger and a pilgrim, I have no earthly store.  
I need the love of Jesus to cheer me on my way,  
To guide my doubting footsteps, to be my strength and stay.

I need thee, precious Jesus, and hope to see thee soon,  
Encircled with the rainbow and seated on thy throne.  
There, with thy blood-bought children, my joy shall ever be,  
To sing my Jesus' praises, to gaze, O Lord, on 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

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
All my being's ransomed pow'rs,  
All my thoughts and words and doings,  
All my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform his bidding,  
Let my feet turn in his ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only,  
Let my lips speak forth his praise.

World-lings prize their gems of beauty,  
Cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;  
Only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,  
I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision,  
Looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing!  
Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me his belov-ed,  
Lets me rest beneath his wings.

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Hebrews 9:11–14

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living 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 529 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit,  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

*Continues...*

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## ▲ **The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Romans 6:1–23  
*Improving Your Baptism*



# 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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