

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.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY

Sunday School	Mary Jo Canales Amanda Grimes
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Reflection

When God wants to drill a man
 And thrill a man,
 And skill a man,
When God wants to mold a man
 To play the noblest part;
When he yearns with all his heart
 To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall be amazed,
 Watch his methods, watch his ways!
How he ruthlessly perfects
 Whom he royally elects!
How he hammers him and hurts him
 And with mighty blows converts him
Into trial shapes of clay which
 Only God understands;
While his tortured heart is crying
 And he lifts beseeching hands!
How he bends but never breaks
 While his good he undertakes;
How he uses whom he chooses
 And with every purpose fuses him;
 By every act induces him
To try his splendor out—
 God knows what He's about!

— Oswald Sanders
Spiritual Leadership
(Chicago: Moody, 1980), p. 141

My heart rose up to the Lord Jesus; I saw Him watching all the scene. My peace came back to me like a wave from God. I realized that I was immortal till my Master's work with me was done. The assurance came to me, as if a voice out of Heaven had spoken, that not a musket would be fired to wound us, not a club prevail to strike us, not a spear leave the hand in which it was held vibrating to be thrown, not an arrow leave the bow, or a killing stone the fingers, without the permission of Jesus Christ, whose is all power in Heaven and on Earth. He rules all Nature, animate and inanimate, and restrains even the Savage of the South Seas.

— John Paton

Autobiography

(As he & his native friend Abraham were surrounded by raging natives who kept urging each other to strike the first blow.)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 16

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 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.

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.**

✠ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

Continues...

What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might,
Lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

▲ 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*)

Holy God,
You are the anchor amidst our fears.
You know the sins we cannot even admit to ourselves.
You show your faithfulness even when we reject you.
You offer grace even when we offer judgment.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us overcome our fears.
Help us face all of our sins.
Help us to be faithful.
Help us to be full of grace.
Remind us that we are a people whom you have redeemed,
not a people still imprisoned by our sins.
And help us to live as people full of hope in Jesus Christ,
shaped by your forgiving love.
We humbly ask through the name of Christ. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:12–13

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

▲ *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

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

▲ Psalm 91

Who with God Most High finds shelter
In th'Almighty's shadow hides.
To the Lord I'll say, "My Refuge!"
In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you,
From the deadly pestilence;
Cover you with outspread pinions,
Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth, your shield and buckler;
You will fear no ill by night,
Nor the shafts in daylight flying,
Nor disease that shuns the light,
Nor the plague that wastes at noonday.
At your side ten thousand fall;
You will only see this judgment
Which rewards the wicked all.

You have made the Lord your refuge,
God Most High your dwelling-place;
Nothing evil shall befall you;
In your tent no scourge you'll face.
He will angels charge to keep you,
Guard you well in all your ways.
In their hands they will uphold you
Lest your foot a stone should graze.

You shall trample serpents, lions,
Tread on all your deadly foes.
For his love to Me I'll save him,
Keep him, for My name he knows;
When he calls Me I will answer,
Save and honor him will I.
I will show him my salvation,
With long life will satisfy.

Sermon Text: Acts 27 *Anchors in the Storm*

¹And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ²And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. ⁴And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

⁹Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” ¹¹But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹²And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

¹³Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. ¹⁵And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship’s boat. ¹⁷After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. ¹⁸Since we were violently storm-tossed,

they began the next day to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹ And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

²¹ Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²² Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴ and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' ²⁵ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶ But we must run aground on some island."

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

³³ As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." ³⁵ And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴²The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 95 Though Troubles Assail Us

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide;
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 14:1

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God. ^{NIV}

I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ^{NIV}

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 297 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Tune: DIADEM*

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

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

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

Continues...

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

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

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

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Acts 27

Anchors in the Storm

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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