

# 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>	Paula Ea Mary Jo Canales
<b>Worship</b>	Allie Carpenter Lori Peterson

# Reflection

Here in this matchless passage [Isaiah 6], we find the reason why so few are willing to serve God. They need above all the conviction of sin. Only when a man has been convicted of sin and has understood that the Redeemer has borne the guilt of his sin is he willing and ready joyfully to serve God, to go wherever God may call him.

— E.J. Young

Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves... It is certain that man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself unless he has first looked upon God's face, and then descends from contemplating him to scrutinizing himself. For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy—this pride is innate in all of us—unless by clear proofs we stand convinced of our own unrighteousness, foulness, folly and impurity. Moreover, we are not thus convinced if we look merely to ourselves and not also to the Lord, who is the sole standard by which this judgment must be measured. For, because all of us are inclined by nature to hypocrisy, a kind of empty image of righteousness in place of righteousness itself abundantly satisfies us. And because nothing appears within or around us that has not been contaminated by great immorality, what is a little less vile pleases us as a thing most pure—so long as we confine our minds within the limits of human corruption... As long as we do not look beyond the Earth, being quite content with our own righteousness, wisdom and virtue, we flatter ourselves most sweetly, and fancy ourselves all but demigods. Suppose we but once begin to raise our thoughts to God, and to ponder his nature, and how completely perfect are his righteousness, wisdom and power—the straightedge to which we must be shaped. Then, what masquerading earlier as righteousness was pleasing in us will soon grow filthy in its consummate wickedness. What wonderfully impressed us under the name of wisdom will stink in its very foolishness. What wore the face of power will prove itself the most miserable weakness. That is, what in us seems perfection itself corresponds ill to the purity of God.

— John Calvin

*Institutes of the Christian Religion*  
Book I, Chapter 1, Paragraphs 1, 2

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,  
My person and offering to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete;  
His promise is yea and amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now,  
Nor all things below or above,  
Can make him his purpose forgo,  
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands  
Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on his heart it remains,  
In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure,  
As sure as the earnest is given;  
More happy, but not more secure,  
The glorified spirits in heaven.

# 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 47*

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.**

Minister: He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

**All: He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

**All: God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

Minister: The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**

## ▲ Hymn 100     Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

### God Cleanses Us

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#### Call to Confession of Sin

Exodus 19:16–18, 21–22

On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.”

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity,  
you are holy, holy, holy!  
The eye of sinful man may not see your glory and live.  
You are an awe-inspiring, jealous, and perfectly righteous God.  
We confess that we have not trembled before your greatness.  
We have not been careful to consecrate ourselves;  
we have not approached you with reverence and awe;  
we have refused to see the depth  
of our sinfulness and uncleanness.  
Forgive us, holy God,  
for our flippant attitude toward your perfection and our sin.  
Make us see that we have no standing with you  
apart from the substitutionary atonement  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Cleanse us and give us joy and confidence  
as we worship you in his name and through his merits., *Amen.*

### ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:19–22

Brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

### ✠ 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

Hebrews 12:18–29

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.



▲ Hymn 172     172 Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown:  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
Has secured our way to God.

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Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky;  
“You have washed us with your blood;  
You have washed us with your blood;  
You have washed us with your blood;  
You are worthy, Lamb of God!”

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Isaiah 6:1–13 *God as the Center*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

<sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull,  
and their ears heavy,  
and blind their eyes;

- lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed.”
- <sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”  
And he said:  
“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is a desolate waste
- <sup>12</sup> and the LORD removes people far away,  
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
- <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak,  
whose stump remains  
when it is felled.”  
The holy seed is its stump.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

▲ Hymn 551      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.

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.

## 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

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains.  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day;  
And there have I as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away,  
washed all my sins away;  
And there have I as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die,  
and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood  
shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more,  
be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood  
you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language  
and people and nation,  
and you have made them a kingdom  
and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.



**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**

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# God Commissions and Blesses Us

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## The Collection of Alms and Tithes

### Hymn 642      Be Thou My Vision

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.

### ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

Isaiah 6:1–13

*God as the Center*

# 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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