

# 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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**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.

### SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY

<b>Sunday School</b>	Paula Ea Mary Jo Canales
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# Reflection

## The Visible Church as Mother of Believers:

Let us learn even from the simple title “mother” how useful, indeed how necessary, it is that we should know [the visible church]. For there is no other way to enter into life unless this mother conceive us in her womb, give us birth, nourish us at her breast, and lastly, unless she keep us under her care and guidance until, putting off mortal flesh, we become like the angels (Matthew 22:30). Our weakness does not allow us to be dismissed from her school until we have been pupils all our lives. Furthermore, away from her bosom one cannot hope for any forgiveness of sins or any salvation, as Isaiah (Isaiah 37:32) and Joel (Joel 2:32) testify. Ezekiel agrees with them when he declares that those whom God rejects from heavenly life will not be enrolled among God’s people (Ezekiel 13:9). On the other hand, those who turn to the cultivation of true godliness are said to inscribe their names among the citizens of Jerusalem (cf. Isaiah 56:5; Psalm 87:6). For this reason, it is said in another psalm: “Remember me, O Jehovah, with favor toward your people; visit me with salvation: that I may see the well-doing of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the joy of your nation, that I may be glad with your inheritance” [Psalm 106:4–5; cf. Psalm 105:4]. By these words God’s fatherly favor and the especial witness of spiritual life are limited to his flock, so that it is always disastrous to leave the church.

— John Calvin

*The Institutes of the Christian Religion*  
Book 4, Ch. 1, Para. 4

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

# 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 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**All: Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## ▲ Hymn 9      All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

All you that fear Jehovah's name,  
his glory tell, his praise proclaim;  
you children of his chosen race,  
stand—in awe before his face.  
Stand—in awe before his face.

The suff'ring One he has not spurned,  
who unto him for help has turned;  
from him he has not hid his face,  
but answered his request in grace,  
But answered his request in grace.

O Lord, your goodness makes me raise  
amid your people songs of praise;  
before all them that fear you, now,  
I worship you and pay my vow,  
I worship you and pay my vow.

For all the meek you will provide;  
they shall be fed and satisfied;  
all they that seek the Lord shall live,  
and never-ending praises give,  
and never-ending praises give.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness,  
all generations shall confess;  
from age to age shall men be taught,  
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,  
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Ephesians 4:14–16

May we no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

Great God of all wisdom, we confess our sins before you today.

We have sinned by refusing to be part of the body of Christ.

We have persisted in childishness, hostility, lovelessness,  
and stubborn self-sufficiency.

We have failed to worship, grow, serve, and fellowship as one.

As a result, we have been easy prey to all sorts of sinful desires,  
false gospels, deceitful schemes, and destructive bickering.

We ask your forgiveness and pray  
for true unity in the bond of peace,  
which comes only from our communion in  
and with Christ, our Redeemer and Head.

In his precious name, Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:13–16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

## ▲ 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

Psalm 84

- <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.
- <sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise! *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- <sup>6</sup> As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
- <sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!
- <sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.
- <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

▲ Hymn 421     Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him,  
eagerly and gladly greet him.  
There he stands already knocking;  
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,  
open wide the fast-closed portal,  
saying to the Lord immortal:  
"Come, and leave your loved one never;  
dwell within my heart forever."

Now in faith I humbly ponder  
over this surpassing wonder  
that the bread of life is boundless  
though the souls it feeds are countless;  
with the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
truest friend and dearest treasure,  
peace beyond all understanding,  
joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before you,  
love incarnate, I adore you;  
worthily let me receive you,  
and, so favored, never leave you.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Prayer of Intercession

### ▲ Hymn 347    The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord,  
one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

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The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her,  
and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor  
she ever shall prevail.

‘Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with 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

Zion, founded on the mountains,  
God, thy Maker, loves thee well;  
he has chosen thee, most precious,  
he delights in thee to dwell;  
God's own city, God's own city,  
*who can all thy glory tell?*  
God's own city, God's own city,  
*who can all thy glory tell.*

Heathen lands and hostile peoples  
soon shall come the Lord to know;  
nations born again in Zion  
shall the Lord's salvation show.  
God Almighty, God Almighty,  
*shall on Zion strength bestow;*  
God Almighty, God Almighty,  
*shall on Zion strength bestow.*

When the Lord shall count the nations,  
sons and daughters he shall see,  
born to endless life in Zion,  
and their joyful song shall be:  
*"blessed Zion, blessed Zion,  
all our fountains are in thee;  
blessed Zion, blessed Zion,  
all our fountains are in thee."*

For through [Christ] we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



## ***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 369**      Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns;  
through distant lands his triumphs spread;  
and sinners, freed from endless pains,  
own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar;  
they all at Zion's gates arrive;  
those who were dead in sin before  
by sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey;  
nations remote their offerings bring,  
and unconstrained their homage pay  
to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase,  
his word and spirit still prevail,  
while angels celebrate his praise,  
and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,  
from all below, and all above!  
in lofty songs exalt his name,  
in songs as lasting as his love.

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

1 Peter 2:4–12, 21–25

*The Living Temple*

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# 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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