

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

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| Sunday School | Paula Ea Mary Jo Canales |
| Worship | Paula Ea Wendy Eudy |

Reflection

That which we are to transmit to our children is not only the knowledge of languages, arts and sciences, liberty and property, but especially the praises of the Lord, and his strength appearing in the wonderful works he has done. Our great care must be to lodge our religion, that great deposit, pure and entire in the hands of those that succeed us.

— Matthew Henry
Commentary on Psalm 78

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Blest the Man That Fears Jehovah

Blest the man that fears Jehovah,
walking ever in his ways;
by your toil you shall be prospered
and be happy all your days.

In your wife you shall have gladness,
she shall fill your home with good,
happy in her loving service
and the joys of motherhood.

Joyful children, sons and daughters,
shall about your table meet,
olive plants, in strength and beauty,
full of hope and promise sweet.

Lo, on him that fears Jehovah
shall this blessedness attend,
for Jehovah out of Zion
shall to you his blessing send.

You shall see God's kingdom prosper
all your days, till life shall cease,
you shall see your children's children;
on your people Lord, be peace.

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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 48:1–3, 9–14

Minister: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

**All: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,**

Minister: Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.

**All: Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.**

Minister: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

**All: As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the end of the earth.**

Minister: Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
Let Mount Zion be glad!

**All: Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!**

Minister: Walk about Zion, go around her,
number her towers,

**All: consider well her ramparts,
go through her citadels,**

Minister: that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

All: He will guide us forever.

▲ Hymn 441 Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Proverbs 1:7–9

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
for they are a graceful garland for your head
and pendants for your neck.

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

Heavenly Father, God of all wisdom,
we bow before you acknowledging that we are sinners,
and that in our sins we have acted like fools,
despising wisdom and instruction.
We have been enticed by the world
and deceived by our own sinful desires.
We have preferred our paltry knowledge
to the infinite, life-changing wisdom of your gospel.
We have failed both to heed and to impart godly teaching.
We have failed to remember and to be thankful
for your covenant with your people,
sealed with the precious blood of your Son.
Forgive us, we pray, grant us repentance,
and renew our minds by your Holy Spirit,
that we may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Acts 2:37-39

When they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

⬆ **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

Exodus 12:21–27

²¹ Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

Joshua 4:19–24

¹⁹ The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. ²⁰ And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. ²¹ And he said to the people of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ²² then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’ ²³ For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, ²⁴ so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

▲ Hymn 138 The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord

The heav'ns declare your glory, Lord;
in every star your wisdom shines;
but when our eyes behold your Word,
we read your name in fairer lines.

The rolling sun, the changing light,
and nights and days, your pow'r confess;
but the blest volume you did write
reveals your justice and your grace.

Sun, moon, and stars convey your praise
round the whole earth, and never stand;
so when your truth began its race,
it touched and glanced on every land.

Nor shall your spreading gospel rest
till through the world your truth has run;
till Christ has all the nations blessed
that see the light, or feel the sun.

Great Sun of Righteousness, arise;
bless the dark world with heav'nly light:
your gospel makes the simple wise,
your laws are pure, your judgments right.

Your noblest wonders here we view
in souls renewed and sins forgiv'n:
Lord, cleanse my sins, my souls renew,
and make your Word my guide to heav'n.

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: Psalm 78:1–8

Rev. John Canales

Tell the Children

- ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- ³ things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.
- ⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
- ⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
- ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;
- ⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Prayer of Intercession

⬆️ His Mercy is More

Words and Music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember what wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

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Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
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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

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” 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, 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, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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 455 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?
*Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?*

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
*Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above
So free, so infinite his grace—
Emptied himself (so great his love!)
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
*Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?*

Continues...

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
*Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
*Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, should die for me?*

⬆ **The Benediction**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Psalm 78:1–8

Tell the Children

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

| Group Leader | Contact | Meeting Day/Time |
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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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