

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

Sunday School	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
Worship	Mary Jo Canales Evie Grimes

Reflection

Missions is a cross-cultural movement aimed at helping people stop making much of themselves and start making much of their Creator.

Missions is a cross-cultural effort to transform people's hearts so that God is felt to be more praiseworthy than sport stars or military might or artistic achievements or anything else that God has made.

Missions is a cross-cultural endeavor to help people experience God as their Treasure above all earthly treasures forever. It is a life and death struggle to give people eternal life, which consists in knowing and enjoying God forever.

Missions is telling the nations to praise God and then giving them evidences that this is good to do and showing them how God has made a way for sinners to do it because of the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

— John Piper
Sermon on Psalm 117

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Let thy blood in mercy poured,
Let thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord,
Of thy boundless love the token.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Thou didst die that I might live;
Blessèd Lord, thou cam'st to save me:
All that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
By the spear wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death, I now
Claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
Thou art my exalted King,
Of thy matchless love forgive me.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

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 68: 4, 32–35

Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD; exult before him!

**All: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord.**

Minister: To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.**

Minister: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he
is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!

▲ Psalm 96

Tune: CORONATION

O sing a new song to the Lord,
all earth sing to the Lord.
Sing to the Lord, and bless his name.
“He saves!” each day proclaim.
His glory to all nations show;
His deeds let people know.

Continues...

The Lord is great, how great his praise!
Above all gods he's feared.
For heathen gods are idols vain;
The Lord the heavens made.
Before him, honor, majesty,
and strength and splendor be.

O families of earth, ascribe
all glory to the Lord!
All strength ascribe unto the Lord;
The glory of his name
Give to the Lord, to his courts come
And bring an offering.

In beautiful and holy robes
bring worship to the Lord.
All earth, before him stand in awe;
Proclaim, "the Lord is King!"
Controlled by him, the world stands firm;
His judgments justice bless.

Let heav'ns be glad and earth rejoice.
In vast expanse untold
let seas speak out with endless roar.
Let fields and all they hold
their glories give; let trees and woods
with rustling boughs give praise.

Let all prepare to greet the Lord,
because he coming is.
He surely comes to judge the earth.
And righteousness is his.
He'll nations judge with faithfulness,
the world with justice bless.

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

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

Triune God, we confess that we are sinners
and acknowledge that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.

We are dismayed by our many sins,
both of commission and of omission.

We confess that we have not been zealous for your glory;
that we have worshiped ourselves, the creature,
instead of you, the Creator;
that we have disobeyed your holy laws.

We grieve and repent of our sloth, rebellion, and neglect
as we have failed to proclaim
the glorious gospel of your salvation
in our community and around the world.

Forgive us, we pray, for this sin,
and give us a proper passion for the glory of your name
and the advancement of your kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:9–10

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. 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.

✠ 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

Acts 13:16–49

¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³ Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

²⁶ “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

“‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.’

³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

“‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’

³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm,

“‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.

³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

⁴¹ “‘Look, you scoffers,
be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe,
even if one tells it to you.’”

⁴² As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. ⁴³ And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

▲ **Hymn 474** Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!

Blow ye the trumpet, blow!
The gladly solemn sound
let all the nations know,
to earth's remotest bound:

Refrain

*The year of jubilee is come;
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home;
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.*

Jesus, our great High Priest,
has full atonement made;
Ye weary spirits, rest;
Ye mournful souls be glad:

Refrain

Extol the Lamb of God,
the sacrificial Lamb;
redemption through his blood
throughout the world proclaim:

Refrain

Ye slaves of sin and hell,
your liberty receive;
And safe in Jesus dwell,
And blest in Jesus live:

Refrain

Ye who have sold for naught
Your heritage above,
Receive it back unbought,
the gift of Jesus' love:

Refrain

The gospel trumpet hear,
the news of heavenly grace;
and, saved from earth, appear
before your Savior's face:

Refrain

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Prayer of Intercession

⬆ Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees;
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee,
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night.

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission;
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers.

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

Continues...

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labor for Thy sake.

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

*We go to all the world
His kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

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

How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,
and enter while there’s room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

When they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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 263 Lift High the Cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before thy throne.
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

✠ The Benediction

✠ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Psalm 96

Witness

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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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