

# 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>	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
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# Reflection

The basic problem of the Christians in this country in the last eighty years or so, in regard to society and in regard to government, is that they have seen things in bits and pieces instead of totals.

—Francis A. Schaeffer

Most men's conscience, habits, and opinions are borrowed from convention and gather continually comforting assurances from the same social consensus that originally suggested them.

—George Santayana

It's no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society.

—Krishnamarti

The church's influence on society is best described in terms of reform rather than redemption.

—John Stott

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship and are freed.

# 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 105:1–4*

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**All: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

## ▲ Hymn 2      O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
o gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 2:15–17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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

Great God of the covenant,  
we bow before you  
acknowledging that we are sinners and we have sinned.  
We have fallen for the snares and idols of the world around us.  
Instead of being salt and light to our culture,  
we have been tempted and tainted  
by its unsavoriness and its darkness.  
We are so prone to love the desires of the flesh,  
the desires of the eyes, and pride in possessions.  
Forgive us, holy God, and cleanse us from our sins.  
Teach us to love the world rightly,  
as disciples and witnesses of him  
who gave himself to redeem the world.  
In the holy name of Jesus, Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

John 3:16–17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## ▲ 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

Exodus 34:11–16

<sup>11</sup>“Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>12</sup>Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. <sup>13</sup>You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim <sup>14</sup>(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), <sup>15</sup>lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, <sup>16</sup>and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods.”

Joshua 24:11–25

<sup>11</sup>And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Gergashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. <sup>12</sup>And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. <sup>13</sup>I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”



<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup>He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

### Judges 2:1–5

Now the angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you, <sup>2</sup>and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done? <sup>3</sup>So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.” <sup>4</sup>As soon as the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>5</sup>And they called the name of that place Bochim. And they sacrificed there to the LORD.

O greatly bless-ed is the man  
who walketh not astray  
in counsel of ungodly men,  
nor stands in sinners' way.

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair,  
but placeth his delight  
upon God's law, and meditates,  
on His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows  
set by the water side,  
which in its season yield its fruit,  
and green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well.  
The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff which by the wind  
is driven to and fro.

In judgment therefore shall not stand  
such as ungodly are,  
nor in th'assembly of the just  
shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men  
is to Jehovah known,  
whereas the way of wicked men  
shall quite be overthrown.

## **Preaching of the Word**

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 16:1–4

Rev. John Canales

*Our Vision Renewed*

<sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ <sup>3</sup> And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” So he left them and departed.

Romans 12:2

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 593**    Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord    *Tune: EVENTIDE (MONK)*

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
give us the mind of Christ each passing day.  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free.  
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou our hearts, O Christ, they are thine own;  
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne.  
Help us to shed abroad thy deathless love.  
Use us to make the earth like heav'n above.

Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;  
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way.  
Guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease.  
Guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, mind, heart, and will;  
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to thee—time, talents, all;  
we hear and henceforth heed thy sov'reign call.

## 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

The sands of time are sinking,  
the dawn of Heaven breaks;  
the summer morn I've sighed for—  
the fair, sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark hath been the midnight,  
but dayspring is at hand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty,  
without a veil is seen:  
it were a well spent journey,  
though seven deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with His fair army,  
doth on Mount Zion stand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain,  
the deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted  
more deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness  
his mercy doth expand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The Bride eyes not her garment,  
but her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory  
but on my King of grace.  
not at the crown He giveth  
but on His pierced hand;  
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### ***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 345      Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he, whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's wall surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

### ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Matthew 16:1–4; Romans 12:2

*Our Vision Renewed*

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
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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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