

# 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

**Worship**

Paula Ea  
Evie Grimes

# Reflection

Some people's religion reminds me of a rocking horse, which has motion with no progress.

— Rowland Hill

If in the last few years you haven't discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pulse. You may be dead.

— Gelet Burgess

If you are pleased with what you are, you have stopped already. If you say, "It is enough," you are lost. Keep on walking, moving forward, trying for the goal. Don't try to stop on the way, or to go back, or to deviate from it.

— Augustine of Hippo

All growth that is not towards God is growing to decay.

— George Macdonald

If you are looking for painless ways to grow toward each other and toward maturity, call off the search.

— J. Grant Howard

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, in all the earth  
How excellent Your name!  
You above the heav'ns have set  
The splendor of Your fame.  
From the mouths of infants young  
You the pow'r of praise compose  
In the face of enemies  
To stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above  
Which Your own fingers made,  
When I see the moon and stars  
Which You in order laid,  
What is man so frail and weak  
That You should remember him?  
What can be the son of man  
That You should care for him?

Next to God You have made man,  
With light and honor crowned.  
You place him above Your works;  
Beneath him all is found.  
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts,  
Birds, and fish the oceans claim.  
Lord, our Lord, in all the earth  
How excellent Your name!

# 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 95:6–7*

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

## ▲ Hymn 92    A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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

O God, our Creator and Redeemer,  
we confess that we often hide the sins  
that are so prevalent in our lives.  
We are embarrassed by the fact  
that we too easily give in to the temptations that confront us.  
Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to live up to your expectations.  
Forgive us for failing to recognize that it is our sin  
that separates us from you and from each other.  
Forgive us for allowing the sin in our lives  
to deceive us into thinking that we can ignore you  
and the needs of those who are suffering in our midst.  
Forgive us, O Lord,  
and grant us the strength and courage  
to trust you to overcome our sinfulness.  
Enable us to live in the light of your truth,  
and in the warmth of your loving grace,  
resting on the hope of the resurrection  
and remembering the forgiveness that is ours  
through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Luke 7:48–50

[Jesus] said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

## ▲ 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 1

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
    nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
    that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
    In all that he does, he prospers.
- <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

▲ Hymn 353    I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:  
her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye,  
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

## Preaching of the Word

**Sermon Text:** James 1:1

Rev. John Canales  
*Transformed by Jesus*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

## Prayer of Intercession

### ▲ Hymn 681     How Gentle God's Commands

How gentle God's commands,  
how kind his precepts are!  
Come, cast your burdens on the Lord,  
and trust his constant care.

While Providence supports,  
let saints securely dwell;  
that hand, which bears all nature up,  
shall guide his children well.

Why should this anxious load  
press down your weary mind?  
Haste to your heav'nly Father's throne,  
and sweet refreshment find.

His goodness stands approved,  
down to your present day;  
I'll drop my burden at his feet,  
and bear a song away.

# God Communes with Us

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## ▲ Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

p. 846, *Trinity Hymnal*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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

Jesus, my great High Priest,  
offered his blood and died;  
my guilty conscience seeks  
no sacrifice beside.  
His powerful blood did once atone,  
and now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand  
will I commit my cause;  
he answers, and fulfills  
his Father's broken laws.  
Behold my soul at freedom set;  
my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears  
for my defense on high;  
the Father bows his ears  
and lays his thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
shall turn his heart, his love away.

Should all the hosts of death  
and powers of hell unknown  
put their most dreadful forms  
of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
his conquering power and guardian grace.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## ***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 585**    Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

*Continues...*



Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

James 1:1

*Transformed by Jesus*

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
John Canales	972.955.5255	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday (for the summer)
Adam Grimes	214.226.1251	Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
Brandon Luter Teen Trek	469.441.6306	On summer break



# 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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