

# 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

**Worship** Allie Carpenter  
Lori Peterson

# Reflection

Would you like me to tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among a people whose language I could not understand and whose attitude to me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” On these words I staked everything, and they never failed.

— David Livingstone  
19th-c. Scottish medical missionary to Africa

If God sends us on stony paths,  
He will provide us with strong shoes.

— Alexander Maclaren  
19<sup>th</sup>-c. Scottish Baptist preacher

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## O Love That Will Not Let Me

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 146*

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Minister: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**All: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Minister: Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**All: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.**

Minister: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**All: who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,**

Minister: who keeps faith forever;

**All: who executes justice for the oppressed,**

Minister: who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**All: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

Minister: The Lord watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

▲ **Hymn 40**      God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

## **God Cleanses Us**

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### **Call to Confession of Sin**

Jeremiah 3:20–23

Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband,  
so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel,  
declares the LORD.”

A voice on the bare heights is heard,  
the weeping and pleading of Israel’s sons  
because they have perverted their way;  
they have forgotten the LORD their God.

“Return, O faithless sons;  
I will heal your faithlessness.”

“Behold, we come to you,  
for you are the LORD our God.

Truly the hills are a delusion,  
the orgies on the mountains.

Truly in the LORD our God  
is the salvation of Israel.

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

We come to you because you are the Lord our God,  
the salvation of your people.

We have forgotten you;  
we have strayed from our path,  
distracted and seduced by false joys  
and false security in this world.

We have sinned, and now we come in true repentance,  
bemoaning our sins and clinging to the cross of Jesus our Savior.

Forgive us, we pray,  
in the name of him whose incarnation revealed your glory,  
whose death is our life,  
whose resurrection is our victory,  
whose imminent return is our sure hope,  
whose word and table nourish  
and comfort and strengthen us today, *Amen*.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear 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

John 17 (p. 903)

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.



<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

▲ **Psalm 121**

*Trinity Psalter*

I to the hills will lift my eyes.  
From whence shall come my aid?  
My safety cometh from the Lord  
Who heav'n and earth has made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will  
He slumber that thee keeps.  
Lo, He that keepeth Israel,  
He slumbers not nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps; the Lord thy shade  
On thy right hand doth stay;  
The moon by night thee shall not smite,  
Nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thee from all ill;  
He shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord as thou shalt go and come  
Forever keeps thee whole.

## Preaching of the Word

Mr. Brad Denton

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 121 (p. 516) *My Help Comes From the Lord*

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 195** Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

## 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

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.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

### ***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**                  Forever Jesus

My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus:  
My firm foundation in shifting sands.  
My strength and hope through many fears and failures,  
The disappointments of the past;  
His constant love has held me fast.

*Refrain*

*So for all my days I will sing my praise  
to the King, forever Jesus.  
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.  
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

My song of joy shall be forever Jesus  
Who bore my suffering, who made a way.  
His life a gift, His death a precious ransom  
That wipes the sinner's guilt away,  
And turns our night to glorious day.

*Refrain*

My final breath shall be forever Jesus  
When shadows lengthen before my eyes.  
My Lord and Friend, Companion through the valley  
When dearest ones are left behind,  
His hand will lead me to the light.

*Refrain*

*When I meet His gaze I will sing my praise  
to the King, forever Jesus.  
All my sorrows past, I am home at last  
with my King, forever Jesus.  
With my King, forever Jesus.*

## ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Psalm 121

*My Help Comes From the Lord*

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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