

# 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
<b>Worship</b>	Paula Ea
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# Reflection

Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again — until you can scarcely distinguish which is one and which is the other.

— William Booth  
Founder of Salvation Army (1829–1912)

Words without deeds are empty,  
but deeds without words are dumb.

— Lesslie Newbigin  
*Mission in Christ's Way*

Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.

— Mark Twain  
“Etiquette for the Afterlife”

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would gracious be;  
help me now Thy grace to see,  
I would be like Thee;  
and, with words that help and heal,  
Thy life would mine reveal;  
and, with actions, bold and meek  
for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would truthful be;  
help me now Thy truth to see,  
I would be like Thee;  
and, with wisdom kind and clear,  
Thy life in mine appear;  
and, with actions lovingly,  
speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would holy be;  
show thy mercy tenderly,  
make me more like thee;  
separate from sin I would  
and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be  
give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would mighty be,  
help me now thy power to see,  
I would be like Thee;  
'gainst all weapons hell can wield,  
be Thou my strength and shield;  
let Thy Word my weapon be,  
Lord, Thine the victory.

# 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 99:5

Minister: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

**All: Holy is he!**

⬆ **Hymn 453**    All Authority and Power

⬆ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:7, 17

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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

Loving God,  
Our efforts to faithfully follow you often feels like a dance,  
one step forward and two steps back.  
We follow and we falter;  
we try and we give up.  
The good we do seems to fall flat,  
and the wrong we do gets magnified.  
For all our failings, for all our missteps,  
you never give up on us.  
We thank you, Lord, for walking with us  
even when we lose our way.  
Grant us self-control that we can live each day  
according to your Word  
and fill us with your Holy Spirit  
to guide us each step of the way.  
And when our dance on this earth ends,  
grant us the hope of things to come.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

## ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:3–4, 7–8

Minister: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
**All: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**  
Minister: O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
**All: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

## ✠ The Doxology (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

# God Consecrates Us

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Luke 3:1–14 (p. 858)

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”



**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** James 2:14–26 (p. 1012)

*Faith Alive!*

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

**Prayer of Intercession**

## ⬆ **Come, All Christians Be Committed**

Come, all Christians, be committed  
To the service of the Lord.  
Make your lives for him more fitted,  
Tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness,  
Each his sacred vows renew,  
Turn away from sin and sadness,  
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,  
They are gifts from God above,  
To be used by Christians freely  
To proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior,  
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.  
In your work, with him find favor,  
And with joy his praises sing.

God's command to love each other  
Is required of ev'ry man.  
Showing mercy to a brother  
Mirrors his redemptive plan.  
In compassion he has given  
Of his love that is divine;  
On the cross sins were forgiven;  
Joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,  
All who on Christ's name believe.  
Worship him with consecration,  
Grace and love will you receive.  
For his grace give him the glory,  
For the Spirit and the Word,  
And repeat the gospel story  
Till all men his name have heard.

## God Communes with Us

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⬆ **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*

⬆ ***The Gloria Patri*** (#735)

*Trinity Hymnal*

### **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*

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;  
Cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face:  
So that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,  
And unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;  
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;  
For you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,  
And through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,  
For earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,  
And all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

### ***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 358      For All the Saints

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

James 2:14–26

*Faith Alive!*

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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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