

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	Paula Ea
	Amanda Grimes

Reflection

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, “Thy will be done,” and those to whom God says, “Thy will be done.”

— C. S. Lewis
The Great Divorce

God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road.

— Isak Dinesen
Danish writer (1885–1962)

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.

— Martin Luther

Trust the past to God’s mercy, the present to God’s love, and the future to his providence.

— Augustine of Hippo
The City of God

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

— Corrie Ten Boom
Each New Day

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

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 34:1–4, 8

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

✠ **Hymn 660** O God Beyond All Praising

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 116:1–2

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

Gracious and Almighty Lord,
you created the heavens and set the solar system spinning.
You created us in your own image,
and then poured out blessing upon blessing.
In spite of the abundant evidence of your power and faithful love,
we confess that we hesitate to look to you for all that we need.
We confess our tendency to rely upon our own efforts and wisdom
in the misguided belief that we know best,
and that we can make our way by ourselves.

Forgive us!
Reorient our hearts
and make us less enamored of our own abilities,
that we might be humble enough, and wise enough,
to live in gratitude and dependence,
looking to you in faith every day.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 5:6–11

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

⬆ **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

Ecclesiastes 9:11–12 (p. 558)

¹¹ Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. ¹² For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

Ecclesiastes 2:24–26 (p. 554)

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Luke 12:15–21 (p. 871)

¹⁵ [Jesus] said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: James 4:13–17 (p. 1013)

Rev. John Canales

If the Lord Wills

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 108** Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right

God Communes with Us

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

p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*

⬆ **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

One there is, above all others,
well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
costly, free, and knows no end.
They who once his kindness prove,
They who once his kindness prove,
They who once his kindness prove,
find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,
could or would have shed his blood?
But our Jesus died to have us
reconciled in him to God.
This was boundless love, indeed;
This was boundless love, indeed;
This was boundless love, indeed;
Jesus is a friend in need.

When he lived on earth abas-ed,
“Friend of sinners” was his name;
Now above all glory rais-ed,
He rejoices in the same;
Still he calls them brethren, friends,
Still he calls them brethren, friends,
Still he calls them brethren, friends,
and to all their wants attends.

Could we bear from one another
what he daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother
loves us though we treat him thus:
Though for good we render ill,
Though for good we render ill,
Though for good we render ill,
He accounts us brethren still.

Continues...

O for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;
We, alas! forget too often
what a Friend we have above;
But when home our souls are brought,
But when home our souls are brought,
But when home our souls are brought,
We will love you as we ought.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 6:26–27, 35

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal ... I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

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 Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

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Continues...

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forever more.

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⬆ **The Benediction**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

James 4:13–17
If the Lord Wills

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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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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