# 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



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 Whitney Hammaker Chelsea Schleifer



Let us keep to Christ, and cling to him, and hang on him, so that no power can remove us.

— Martin Luther

God's mercy was not increased when Jesus came to earth, it was illustrated! Illustrated in a way we can understand.

— Eugenia Price

## We Prepare to Meet with God

#### **Prelude** The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heav'n's eternal Light:

The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below, To whom he manifests his love, And grants his name to know.

The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him; His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

#### **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 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

▲ **Hymn 101** Come, Thou Almighty King

## ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

#### Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Gracious God and Father,
You granted all authority
in heaven and on earth to your Son Jesus Christ.

We confess, O God,

that we chafe under that authority and have followed too much the desires of our own hearts.

Indeed, we are rebellious in our hearts,

and have offended against our King Jesus' holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare us our faults and restore us as we repent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Hear us now, we pray, for the sake of the One who submitted to you in every way and who died on the cross for our rebellion:

your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### **▲** Declaration of Forgiveness

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## ▲ 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.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Reading of Scripture**

Proverbs 2:1–15 (p. 528)

- My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,
- making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
- yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,
- if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,
- then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.
- For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
- he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
- guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.
- Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;
- for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
- discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,
- delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,
- who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,
- who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,
- men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

▲ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

p. 845, Trinity Hymnal

★ The Gloria Patri (#735)

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Psalm 110

Trinity Psalter

**Preaching of the Word**Mr. Brad Denton **Sermon Text:** Psalm 110:1 (p. 509)

The Once and Future King

- The LORD says to my Lord:
  "Sit at my right hand,
  until I make your enemies your footstool."
- The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.
   Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
- The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
- The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.
- He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

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.

## God Commissions and Blesses Us

#### The Collection of Alms and Tithes

**Hymn 580** Lead On, O King Eternal

**▲** The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

## **Sermon Notes**

Psalm 110:1 The Once and Future King

## 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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