# 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**

**Sunday School** Mary Jo Canales **Worship** Allie Carpenter Lori Peterson



Christianity does not want us to reduce by one atom the hatred we feel for cruelty and treachery. We ought to hate them. Not one word of what we have said about them needs to be unsaid. But it does want us to hate them in the same way in which we hate things in ourselves: being sorry the man should have done such things, and hoping, if it is anyway possible, that somehow, sometime, somewhere, he can be cured and made human again.

— C. S. Lewis Mere Christianity

[The lost] enjoy forever the horrible freedom they have demanded, and are therefore self-enslaved.

— C. S. Lewis Problem of Pain

## We Prepare to Meet with God

**Prelude** None Other Lamb

None other Lamb, none other name, None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea, None other hiding place from guilt and shame, None beside thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low; Only my heart's desire cries out in me By the deep thunder of its want and woe, Cries out to thee.

Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead; Love's fire though art, however cold I be: Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, Nor home, but thee.

#### **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 113:1-3

Minister: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD!

Minister: Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

All: From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same,

the name of the LORD is to be praised!

▲ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

#### Call to Confession of Sin

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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

Great God and King,

we confess our sins before you today.

We are by nature unrighteous,

unable in our own strength to do any good.

We acknowledge that we are corrupt

and that we have lived immoral, greedy,

hateful, and idolatrous lives.

We are humbled and grieved and ashamed,

recognizing the terrible effects and consequences of our sins.

We cry to you now for mercy and forgiveness, dear Father.

We thank you that we have been declared righteous

because your beloved Son died in our place

and took on himself the penalty we deserve.

Keep us in him;

continue to wash and sanctify us

in his name and by your Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### **▲ 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**

Psalm 53 (p. 475)

- The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.
- <sup>2</sup> God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.
  - They have all fallen away;
    together they have become corrupt;
    there is none who does good,
    not even one.
- Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?
- There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror!
  - For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them.
- Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
  When God restores the fortunes of his people,
  let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

▲ **Hymn 551** How Blest Is He Whose Trespass Trinity Hymnal

## Preaching of the Word

**Sermon Text:** Romans 1:16–32 (p. 939)

Rev. John Canales Grace for All of Us

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 253** There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

#### 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

<u>Invitation and Supervision of the Table</u>

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, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress; 'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day; For who aught to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies, e'en then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—for me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; Now bid thy banished ones rejoice; Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness. 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. 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**

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Psalm 67 Trinity Psalter

**▲** The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

## **Sermon Notes**

Romans 1:16–32 Grace for All of Us

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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