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** Lauren Alexander Wendy Eudy



The name of Jesus is in my mind as a joyful song, in my ear a heavenly music, and in my mouth sweet honey.

> — Richard Rolle of Hampole 14th-c. English writer

A world of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world — and might even be more difficult to save.

— C. S. Lewis Mere Christianity

Salvation is God's way of making us real people.

— Augustine of Hippo

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place, My never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; And may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 2

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1, 17-22

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting

to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

Minister: to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

All: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Minister: Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his word,

obeying the voice of his word!

All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

his ministers, who do his will!

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his works,

in all places of his dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

▲ **Hymn 80** Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (unison) from the Liturgy of John Knox

Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence,
because of our many sins.
We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
if you dealt with us as we deserve.
We have sinned against you, O Lord,
and we have offended you.

And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you.

And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age.

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By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-14

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.

For he knows our frame;

▲ 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.

he remembers that we are dust.

God Consecrates Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 1 (p. 276)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the

saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

▲ **Hymn** Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of my guilt within, Upward I look and see him there Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free. For God, the just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless, righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM, The King of Glory and of grace. One with Himself; I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18–25 (p. 807)

What's in a Name? Jesus Christ the Lord

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Prayer of Intercession

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

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration</u>
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

<u>Distribution of the Bread and the Cup</u>

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree! Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in, When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears; Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 6:53-58

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

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Psalm 103 Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord

Come, my soul, and bless the Lord, All within me bless his name!
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord; And forget not all his grace:
All your sins the Lord forgives, All your sicknesses he heals.
He redeems you from the pit;
His compassion he reveals.

He will crown you with his love, With his tender mercies true, And he fills your life with good; Like the eagle, youth renews. God, the righteous judge, defends All oppressed and broken ones, Showing Moses all his ways And his deeds to Israel's sons.

For the Lord is slow to wrath, Full of mercy, full of grace. He abounds in steadfast love, Will not chide for endless days. God will not retain his wrath, He will not repay our sins; He will never deal with us As our wickedness demands.

As the heav'ns are high above All the earth which God has made, So to those who fear the Lord Is his lovingkindness great. Far as east is from the west, He removes so far from us In his great, abounding love, All our guilt and wickedness.

As a father shows his love Unto all his children dear, So the Lord displays his love To those trusting him in fear. He remembers we are dust, And our feeble frame he knows. As for man, his days are like Tender grass that quickly grows.

So man flourishes and thrives Like a growing meadow flow'r. When the wind blows, it is gone, And its place is known no more. But the steadfast love of God, Shown to those who fear his name, Is from all eternity To eternity the same.

His unfailing righteousness
Shall to children's children be,
To the ones who cov'nant keep
And his good commandments heed.
God the Lord has set his throne;
In the heavens it shall stand,
And his sov'reign kingdom rules
Over all at his command.

Bless the Lord, you angel hosts, Mighty ones who do his word, Who obey his voice and word; All his servants, bless the Lord! All his hosts who do his will, All his works in all his world Bless the Lord in ev'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the Lord.

The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Matthew 1:18–25 What's in a Name? <u>Jesus</u> Christ the Lord

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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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