

# 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 Paula Ea
<b>Worship</b>	Mia Lawrenz Tegan Thacker

# Reflection

When we preach atonement, it is atonement planned by love, provided by love, given by love, finished by love, necessitated because of love. When we preach the resurrection of Christ, we are preaching the miracle of love. When we preach the return of Christ, we are preaching the fulfillment of love.

— Billy Graham

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but on what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him.

— Napoleon Bonaparte

We cannot expect the world to believe that the Father sent the Son, that Jesus' claims are true, and that Christianity is true, unless the world sees some reality of oneness of true Christians.

— Francis Schaeffer  
*The Mark of the Christian*

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*

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

# 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 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 76**      Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven      *Trinity Hymnal*

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 1:1–2

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

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

Heavenly Father,  
it is astounding how many ways we find to doubt you.  
At times we doubt your power and your ability  
to transform our lives through Christ.  
In other situations, we doubt that your methods and solutions  
are indeed the best way to go.  
We fool ourselves into believing  
that our ways will be superior to your ways.  
And, most importantly,  
we doubt that all you are doing for us  
is the result of your great love for us.  
Our heads believe in your love,  
but our hearts lag behind.

Have mercy upon us, Lord.  
Help us with our disbelief.  
Forgive us for looking through worldly eyes  
instead of asking you for heavenly vision.  
Thank you for your endless grace and patience.  
More than anything, we want to walk in your will.  
We pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–13

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.

## ⬆ 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

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading of Scripture

Psalm 103 (p. 502)

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.
- <sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

- <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
<sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
<sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!  
<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!  
<sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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.

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. Joe Keller

**Sermon Text:** Romans 12:9–21 (p. 948)

*What is Love?*

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

<sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 254**      Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

*Trinity Hymnal*

## God Communes with Us

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### ▲ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

p. 845, *Trinity Hymnal*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ▲ *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

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give His only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss!  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders!  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished!  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should his suffering be my gain?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom!

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

## ***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**      Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
are the fruits of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,  
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command  
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

## ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Romans 12:9–21

*What is Love?*

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
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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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