# 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

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Where the church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the church and every kind of grace.

— IrenaeusAgainst Heresies

In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on course.

— Boniface in a letter to Cuthbert, archbishop of Canterbury

There is nothing holy but a holy person; there is nothing unholy but an unholy person. Holy persons gathered together make a holy place, not the other way around.

— E. Stanley Jones Mastery

No man should be alone when he opposes Satan. The church and the ministry of the Word were instituted for this purpose, that hands may be joined together and one may help another. If the prayer of one doesn't help, the prayer of another will.

— Martin Luther The Table Talk of Martin Luther

## We Prepare to Meet with God

**Prelude** Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and blood From thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone: Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in 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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 2

All: Amen.

#### Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4b-6

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD,

call upon his name,

All: make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

#### Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

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

Almighty God,

we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation.

We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose.

We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope.

We are moved more by private ambition than by personal holiness.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.

Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

By your Holy Spirit,

forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image.

We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **▲** Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 12:1b-2

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

#### ▲ 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**

1 Corinthians 3 (p. 953)

- <sup>1</sup> But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?
- <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.
- <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.
- <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- <sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

<sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

#### ▲ **Hymn 342** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**Preaching of the Word**Rev. Rev. Dave Boxerman **Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 2:4–8 (p. 1014)

The Priesthood of Every Christian

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

8 and

"A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### ▲ **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?

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

Continues...

Unto the grave, what will 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 forevermore.

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#### God Communes with Us

#### ▲ 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

<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

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen, Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace, And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me: Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need Another arm save thine to lean upon: It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace, Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God. Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

#### 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 345** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

**▲** The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Peter 2:4–8 The Priesthood of Every Christian

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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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