

# 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

#### **Worship**

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# Reflection

The strongest temptation you will face will be to use hardship or mistreatment or suffering as an excuse for disobedience. We are all tempted to justify our own unrighteous behavior because of what is happening to us or because of the way we are being (or have been) treated.

— Author unknown

Faith during affliction matters more than healing from affliction.

— Philip Yancey

*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*

It may take a crucified church to bring a crucified Christ before the eyes of the world.

— W. E. Orchard

*The Temple*

Though we are beheaded, and crucified, and exposed to beasts and chains and fire and all other forms of torture, it is plain that we do not forsake the confession of our faith, but the more things of this kind which happen to us the more are there others who become believers and truly religious through the name of Jesus.

— Justin Martyr

apologist and martyr (AD 100-165)

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **Be Still, My Soul**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

# 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!** *Psalms 124:8*

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

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalms 117*

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Minister: Praise the LORD!

✠ **Hymn 51**      O Jehovah, Hear My Words

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Colossians 3:5–11

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 10 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.

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

*from The Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things, Judge of all men,  
we acknowledge and bewail our many sins and wicked acts,  
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against your Divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.  
Simply remembering them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,  
for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may from this point on serve and please you  
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name.  
We ask this through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Colossians 1:21–23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

## ⬆ **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

2 Corinthians 4 (p. 965)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

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<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

▲ **Hymn 75**      O Father, You Are Sovereign

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. David Boxerman.

**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 2:18–25 (p. 1015)

*Unjust Treatment Not a Mistake in God's Plan*

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Prayer of Intercession**

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road,  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me.  
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He has sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait His day, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;  
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

*My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.*

## 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

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,  
And hope in him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days:  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

What can these anxious cares avail thee.  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help, if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.

Only be still, and wait his leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And all discerning love hath sent;  
No doubt our inmost wants are known  
To him who chose us for his own.

All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low;  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
So do thine own part faithfully,  
And trust his Word—though undeserving,  
Thou yet shall find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook at need  
The soul that trusted him indeed.

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.

### ***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 691**

It Is Well with My Soul

### **⬆ The Benediction**

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

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## 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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