# 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**

Worship Lauren Alexander

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It needs to be said loud and clear that in the kingdom of God there ain't no comfort zone and never will be.

— J. I. Packer

in the Christianity Today forum "We Can Overcome"

I think God is nearer to suffering than to happiness, and to find God in this way gives peace and rest and a strong and courageous heart.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 in a letter to his twin sister, Sabine

Suffering times are a Christian's best improving times.

George Whitefield
 British preacher and evangelist (1714–70)

Christianity offers a contentment and joy not based on changing circumstances. Our bad things will turn out for good (Romans 8:28), our good things can't be taken from us (Ephesians 1:3) and the best things are yet to come (1 John 3:1–3).

Timothy Keller
 Twitter, 30 March 2022

### We Prepare to Meet with God

**Prelude** Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh... sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

#### **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 95:6-7

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

▲ **Hymn 247** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

### ▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

#### Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 86:3-4, 6-7

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

... Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

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

Holy God,

we have deceived ourselves into believing that our sins aren't that bad, that your grace isn't enough, and that we can earn your forgiveness.

We have embraced the stable misery of sin-fractured relationships rather than seeking true reconciliation through your grace and mercy.

We have lived as people pacified by our possessions and dulled by our duties,

rather than being jolted by your Spirit to live as Christ out in the world.

We speak of sacrifice flippantly,

we refuse to step outside of our comfort zones, and we don't want to do what it really takes to take up your cross and follow you.

Change us from the inside out, so that we can be one of your sent ones in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

### **▲** Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 86:5

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

### **★ 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**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (p. 613)

- 52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.
- As many were astonished at you—
  his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
  and his form beyond that of the children of
- mankind—
  so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

- Who has believed what he has heard from us?

  And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
- He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

- upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- All we like sheep have gone astray;
  we have turned—every one—to his own way;
  and the LORD has laid on him
  the iniquity of us all.
- He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
- By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
- Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

### ▲ **Hymn 524** Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 2:20–25 (p. 1015)

By His Wounds: The Suffering of Christ

<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**

### ▲ **Hymn** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all

#### 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

Invitation and Supervision of the Table

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

#### Hymn — During the bread Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; The slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered: For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation: Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides 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

**Hymn 281** I Know That My Redeemer Lives–Glory, Hallelujah!

**▲** The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

# **Sermon Notes**

1 Peter 2:20–25 By His Wounds: The Suffering of Christ

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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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