

# 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
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# Reflection

More people have been brought into the church by the kindness of real Christian love than by all the theological arguments in the world, and more people have been driven from the church by the hardness and ugliness of so-called Christianity than by all the doubts in the world.

— William Barclay  
*New Testament Words*

Being an extrovert isn't essential to evangelism — obedience and love are.

— Rebecca Manley Pippert  
*Out of the Saltshaker & Into the World: Evangelism as a Way of Life*

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*

Many a man who tries to talk as if he were standing on a mountain shows by what he says that he is up to his eyes in the mud.

— Billy Sunday  
in his sermon "Under the Sun"

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 66:1–4*

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**All: sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

Minister: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power  
that your enemies come cringing to you.

**All: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”**

✠ **Hymn 100**    Holy, Holy, Holy!

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 2:3–6

By this we know that we have come to know [Jesus Christ], if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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

Lord, when we come face to face with your Son  
as he is revealed in your Word,  
we are reminded in a dramatic way  
that you are Love.

As your children,

we want to emulate the kind of love  
that you have shown us in Christ.

Unfortunately, without repentance from our sin,  
we are stuck in our own selfishness.

This leaves us with a counterfeit love  
based on our own devices and desires.

Have mercy on us.

We confess that our methods of loving are incomplete.  
Thankfully, you have placed your Spirit in our hearts.

This changes everything.

Now, as we set our gaze toward the cross,  
fill our hearts with the greatest love of all:

your unconditional, sacrificial love,  
displayed in the life and death of our Savior.

We pray for this transformation in Christ's name. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 John 4:14–16

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in 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

Isaiah 55 (p. 615)

- <sup>1</sup> “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.
- <sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD,  
that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- <sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- <sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

▲ Hymn 447 Christ for the World We Sing

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dave Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 3:13–17 (p. 1016) *The “Win-some” Witness*

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

<sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

## Prayer of Intercession

### ▲ Hymn 595    Let Your Hearts Be Broken

Let your heart be broken for a world in need:  
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed,  
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread—  
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love,  
Visible expression— God still rules above—  
Living illustration of the Living Word  
To the minds of all who’ve never seen or heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,  
Challenged by the need— apparent everywhere.  
Where mankind is wanting, fill the vacant place;  
Be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear;  
See mankind as God sees, serve him far and near.  
Let your heart be broken by a brother’s pain;  
Share your rich resources, give and give again.

## 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

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
From my sins, O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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 263**      Lift High the Cross

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

1 Peter 3:13–17

The “Win-some” Witness

## 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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