

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

Sunday School	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
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Reflection

Death used to be an executioner, but the gospel has made him just a gardener.

— George Herbert
English poet (AD 1593–1633)

Wherein is it possible for us, wicked and impious creatures, to be justified, except in the only Son of God? O sweet reconciliation! O untraceable ministry! O unlooked-for blessing! That the wickedness of many should be hidden in one godly and righteous man, and the righteousness of one justify a host of sinners!

— Justin Martyr
Apologist and martyr (AD 100–165)

Mission is not a burden laid upon the church; it is a gift and a promise to the church that is faithful. The command arises from the gift. Jesus reigns and all authority has been given to him in earth and heaven. When we understand that, we shall not need to be told to let it be known. Rather, we shall not be able to keep silent.

— Lesslie Newbigin
Mission in Christ's Way

The thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between grace and karma.

— Bono
Bono: Conversations with Michka Assaya

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Shepherd of Tender Youth

Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth
through winding ways: Christ, our triumphant King,
we come your name to sing; here we our children bring
to shout your praise.

You are our holy Lord, the all-subduing Word,
healer of strife: you did yourself abase,
that from sin's deep disgrace you might now save our race,
and give us life.

You are the great High Priest you have pre-pared the feast
of heav'nly love: while in our mortal pain,
none calls on you in vain: help you do not disdain,
help from above.

Forever be our Guide, our Shepherd and our pride,
our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God,
by your enduring Word, lead us where you have trod;
make our faith strong.

So now and till we die, sound we your praises high,
and joyful sing: infants, and the glad throng
who to your church belong, unite to swell the song
to Christ our King.

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 33:1–5; 18–22

- Minister: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
- All: Praise befits the upright.**
- Minister: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- All: Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**
- Minister: For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- All: He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**
- Minister: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
- All: Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.**
- Minister: For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
- All: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

▲ **Hymn 302** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Hebrews 10:19–22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

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

O Lord our God, we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.

We are guilty of sins both of omission and of commission.

We have failed to keep your just laws;

we have failed to be steeped in your Word;

we have failed to rest and delight and grow in you alone.

Forgive us, dear God, in your mercy.

Cleanse, refresh, nourish and protect us
with your holy Word,
in the power of your Holy Spirit.

We pray this in the name of your incarnate Word,
the Lamb who has revealed you to us
and whose death on the cross takes away our sin, *Amen*.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 9:11–14

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

⬆ **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 42: 1–11 (p. 602)

- ¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
- ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
- ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

Continues...

- ¹⁰ Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
- ¹¹ Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the top of the mountains.

▲ **Hymn**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

Tune: RUF

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, grace, and power:
He is able, he is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come, you needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, you weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous—
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, this he gives you;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Continues...

Lo! the incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

*Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
He is willing, doubt no more.*

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dave Boxerman

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:17–18 (p. 1016)

As Good As It Gets

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 456** By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

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

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 blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,
When I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them,
 nor cause their hearts to fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill,
And songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
And with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand;
Be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
But those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 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. 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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 467 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

1 Peter 3:17–18
As Good As It Gets

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
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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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