

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
Worship	Allie Carpenter Wendy Eudy Margaret Anne Gunter

Reflection

God sometimes has to put us on our backs in order to make us look up.

— Author unknown

Suffering so unbolts the door of the heart that the Word hath easier entrance.

— Richard Baxter

The staying power of our faith is neither demonstrated nor developed until it is tested by suffering.

— D. A. Carson

Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this be only for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in, and for, us.

— David Livingstone

in an address at Cambridge University

[Jesus] became what we are that he might make us what he is.

— Athanasius

Patriarch of Alexandria and Church Father (AD 293–373)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

I need thee, precious Jesus, for I am full of sin;
My soul is dark and guilty, my heart is dead within.
I need the cleansing fountain where I can always flee,
The blood of Christ most precious, the sinner's perfect plea.

I need thee, precious Jesus, for I am very poor;
A stranger and a pilgrim, I have no earthly store.
I need the love of Jesus to cheer me on my way,
To guide my doubting footsteps, to be my strength and stay.

I need thee, precious Jesus, and hope to see thee soon,
Encircled with the rainbow and seated on thy throne.
There, with thy blood-bought children, my joy shall ever be,
To sing my Jesus' praises, to gaze, O Lord, on 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

Psalm 113:1–3

Minister: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!**

Minister: Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

**All: From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

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

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Ezekiel 18:31–32

“Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

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

Our loving and merciful God,
we come to you knowing that
we often live life apart from you.
Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

In our busyness
we put our spiritual life behind many other things.
Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

We focus on what we need
rather than on what you ask of us.
Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

We marginalize our sin
and allow it to become commonplace in our lives.
Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

We are slow to forgive
even though you have shown us great grace.
Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

Shape us and mold us
so that we can be as faithful to you
as you are to us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 15:1–6

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that *Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures*, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

⬆ 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

2 Corinthians 4:5–18 (p. 965)

▲ **Hymn 358** For All the Saints

Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:8–11 (p. 1017)

*Joining God on the Platform of **His** Glory*

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

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.

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

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,

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

Hymn — During the bread Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

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.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord

Come, my soul, and bless the Lord,
All within me bless his name!
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord;
And forget not all his grace:
All your sins the Lord forgives,
All your sicknesses he heals.
He redeems you from the pit;
His compassion he reveals.

He will crown you with his love,
With his tender mercies true,
And he fills your life with good;
Like the eagle, youth renews.
God, the righteous judge, defends
All oppressed and broken ones,
Showing Moses all his ways
And his deeds to Israel's sons.

For the Lord is slow to wrath,
Full of mercy, full of grace.
He abounds in steadfast love,
Will not chide for endless days.
God will not retain his wrath,
He will not repay our sins;
He will never deal with us
As our wickedness demands.

As the heav'ns are high above
All the earth which God has made,
So to those who fear the Lord
Is his lovingkindness great.
Far as east is from the west,
He removes so far from us
In his great, abounding love,
All our guilt and wickedness.

Continues...

As a father shows his love
Unto all his children dear,
So the Lord displays his love
To those trusting him in fear.
He remembers we are dust,
And our feeble frame he knows.
As for man, his days are like
Tender grass that quickly grows.

So man flourishes and thrives
Like a growing meadow flow'r.
When the wind blows, it is gone,
And its place is known no more.
But the steadfast love of God,
Shown to those who fear his name,
Is from all eternity
To eternity the same.

His unfailing righteousness
Shall to children's children be,
To the ones who cov'nant keep
And his good commandments heed.
God the Lord has set his throne;
In the heavens it shall stand,
And his sov'reign kingdom rules
Over all at his command.

Bless the Lord, you angel hosts,
Mighty ones who do his word,
Who obey his voice and word;
All his servants, bless the Lord!
All his hosts who do his will,
All his works in all his world
Bless the Lord in ev'ry place.
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord.

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

1 Peter 5:8–11 (p. 1017)

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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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