

# 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
<b>Worship</b>	Amanda Grimes Evie Grimes Mia Lawrenz

# Reflection

No man should be alone when he opposes Satan. The church and the ministry of the Word were instituted for this purpose, that hands may be joined together and one may help another. If the prayer of one doesn't help, the prayer of another will.

— Martin Luther  
*The Table Talk of Martin Luther*

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*

When men are standing at the foot of the cross, there are no racial barriers.

— Billy Graham  
Evangelist and pastor (1918–2018)

Tolerance says, "You must approve of what I do."

Love responds, "I must do something harder: I will love you, even when your behavior offends me."

Tolerance says, "You must agree with me."

Love responds, "I must do something harder: I will tell you the truth, because I am convinced the truth will set you free."

Tolerance says, "You must allow me to have my way."

Love responds, "I must do something harder: I will plead with you to follow the right way, because I believe you are worth the risk."

Tolerance seeks to be inoffensive; love takes risks.

Tolerance glorifies division; love seeks unity.

Tolerance costs nothing; love costs everything.

— Josh McDowell  
*Focus on the Family* magazine

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

Come, Let Us Join with One Accord

Come, let us join with one accord  
In hymns around the throne:  
This is the day our rising Lord  
Has made and called his own.

This is the day that God has blessed,  
The brightest of the sev'n,  
Type of that everlasting rest  
The saints enjoy in heav'n.

Then let us in his name sing on,  
And hasten to that day  
When our Redeemer shall come down,  
And shadows pass away.

Not one, but all our days below,  
Let us in hymns employ;  
And in our Lord rejoicing, go  
To his eternal joy.

# 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 57:7–10*

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!  
I will sing and make melody!

**All: Awake, my glory!  
Awake, O harp and lyre!  
I will awake the dawn!**

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

✠ **Hymn 2**      O Worship the King

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 66:16–20

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
I cried to him with my mouth,  
and high praise was on my tongue.  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!

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

Almighty, eternal God and Father,  
we confess and acknowledge in your presence  
that we were conceived in unrighteousness  
and are full of sin and transgression all our life.  
We do not fully believe your Word as we ought,  
nor do we follow your holy commandments.  
Remember your goodness, we beseech you,  
and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity  
which, alas, we admit is great.  
We ask this through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## ⬆ **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**

1 John 3:11–24 (p. 1022)

▲ **Hymn 363**    We Gather Together

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. David Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 5:12–14 (p. 1017)

*Stand Together or Fall Alone*

<sup>12</sup> By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. <sup>13</sup> She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 355**    We Are God's People

## 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

How sweet and awesome is the place  
with Christ within the doors,  
while everlasting love displays  
the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
join to admire the feast,  
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,  
and enter while there’s room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice,  
and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast  
that sweetly drew us in;  
else we had still refused to taste,  
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,  
constrain the earth to come;  
send your victorious Word abroad,  
and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,  
that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
sing your redeeming grace.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

***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

Oh, How Good It Is

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
are the fruits of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,  
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command  
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

## ▲ The Benediction

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

1 Peter 5:12–14

*Stand Together or Fall Alone*

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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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