

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	Paula Ea Annelise Pipkin Carol LeBoeuf

Reflection

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

Do not seek to understand in order that you may believe, but believe so that you may understand.

— Augustine of Hippo
Tractates on the Gospel of John

When we are in doubt, God will never fail to give light when we have no other plan than to please him and to act in love for him.

— Brother Lawrence
The Practice of the Presence of God

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what he deems best—
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me
with a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure
is a charge that on himself he laid:
“As your days, your strength shall be in measure,”
this the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord,
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
till I reach the promised land.

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 107:1–2

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble.**

✧ **Hymn 57** Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

✧ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

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

Dear God,

You are the King, you are the Lord,
you are the One who delivers us from the darkness.

You are our Maker and our Redeemer and our Comforter.

We give you praise.

You are all-wise and you know us inside and out.

So, we come to you now to open the doors of our hearts
and to let you into our hidden places of darkness and sin.

We confess that we have said and done things
that are against your will and that have hurt others.

Among other things, we have stepped on other people,
acted selfishly, and said hurtful things,
falling short of who you would have us be.

We also confess that we have often been too busy
to stop and listen to your voice.

We don't act on the promise to rest in you.

Lord, we are sorry. Please forgive us,
not in our own merit, for we have none,
but resting wholly on the merit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through your Holy Spirit, fill us with your hope and peace.

Renew in us a spirit of obedience,
that we might live to glorify your name.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 9:26b–28

[Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for 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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Jeremiah 31:1–26 (p. 658)

▲ Hymn 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dr. Ben Dunson

Sermon Text: Revelation 10 (p.1033)

The Mysterious Ways of God

¹ Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. ² He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴ And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down.” ⁵ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, ⁷ but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, “Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, “Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”

¹⁰ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.”

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 513 Blessed Lord, in Thee Is Refuge

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

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
and live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)
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Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort,
 my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)
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What though I wait the livelong night,
 and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed;
and wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)
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Though great our sins and sore our woes,
 his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
from all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)
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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.

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 Forever Jesus

My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus:
My firm foundation in shifting sands.
My strength and hope through many fears and failures,
The disappointments of the past;
His constant love has held me fast.

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

My song of joy shall be forever Jesus
Who bore my suffering, who made a way.
His life a gift, His death a precious ransom
That wipes the sinner's guilt away,
And turns our night to glorious day.

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

My final breath shall be forever Jesus
When shadows lengthen before my eyes.
My Lord and Friend, Companion through the valley
When dearest ones are left behind,
His hand will lead me to the light.

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*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

*When I meet His gaze I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
All my sorrows past, I am home at last
with my King, forever Jesus.
With my King, forever Jesus.*

▲ **The Benediction**

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Revelation 10

The Mysterious Ways of God

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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