

# 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** Mary Jo Canales  
Allie Carpenter  
Lori Peterson

# Reflection

If I am to wholly follow the Lord Jesus Christ, I must forsake everything that is contrary to him.

— A. W. Tozer  
20<sup>th</sup>-c. pastor and theologian

[W]e were made for one another. We are not made for an exclusive self-sufficiency but for interdependence, and we break the law of our being at our peril.

— Desmond Tutu (1931–2021)  
South African Anglican bishop and theologian

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good,  
To them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.  
*Shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

# 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 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**All: Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

Minister: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**All: It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

⬆ **Hymn 660** O God beyond All Praising

⬆ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6–7

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
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.”

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

Gracious and merciful Father,  
you are holy, and righteous,  
and your commands are purely just.  
But we, however, have taken it upon ourselves  
to weigh your will in a balance,  
and to decide what is right and what is wrong.  
In our arrogance we have secured our own destruction,  
and squandered the blessing of your very presence.

Forgive our conceit and our presumption;  
forgive our sin.

Help us to see the divide  
which we have placed between you and ourselves,  
and let your grace, which has destroyed this divide, humble us.

Renew us and restore us  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 43:1–3a

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

## ⬆ 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

Colossians 1 (p. 983)

▲ Hymn 719     A Christian Home

## Preaching of the Word

Mr. Brandon Luter

**Sermon Text:** Ephesians 5:28–33 (p. 978)

*Together at Last!*

<sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 535     O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

## 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

One there is, above all others,  
well deserves the name of Friend;  
His is love beyond a brother's,  
costly, free, and knows no end.  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,  
could or would have shed his blood?  
But our Jesus died to have us  
reconciled in him to God.  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
Jesus is a friend in need.

When he lived on earth abas-ed,  
“Friend of sinners” was his name;  
Now above all glory rais-ed,  
He rejoices in the same;  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
and to all their wants attends.

Could we bear from one another  
what he daily bears from us?  
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother  
loves us though we treat him thus:  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
He accounts us brethren still.

*Continues...*

O for grace our hearts to soften!  
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
We, alas! forget too often  
what a Friend we have above;  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
We will love you as we ought.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

### ***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 648**     My Jesus, I Love Thee

### **▲ The Benediction**

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▲ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Ephesians 5:28–33

*Together at Last!*

## 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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### Staff

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**Elders:** Rod Alexander (Emeritus), Adam Grimes, Scott Peterson

**Deacons:** Doug Boswell, Leng Ea, Brandon Luter, Rod Miller