

# 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
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# Reflection

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)

Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved.

— John Chrysostom  
Archbishop of Constantinople (AD 349–407)

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to his providence.

— Augustine of Hippo  
*The City of God*

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat**

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before his feet,  
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea;  
With this I venture nigh:  
Thou call-est burdened souls to thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,  
By war without and fears within,  
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,  
That, sheltered near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
And tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
To bear the cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I  
Might plead thy gracious name!

# 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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 145:3, 18*

Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

✠ **Hymn 6**      O, Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord *Trinity Hymnal*

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

2 Corinthians 5:8–10

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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

Loving God,  
we know that you love us,  
so we confess that we have let you down.

Every day we betray you,  
deny you,  
misunderstand you,  
crucify you.

We betray you  
when we are selfish or unkind.

We deny you  
when we do not speak out for justice and truth.

We misunderstand you  
when we justify our actions by twisting your Word to our ends.

We crucify you  
every time that we choose our way instead of yours.

We are truly sorry.

Please forgive us through the merit of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is the living Word of your love.

In his name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

2 Corinthians 5:14–19

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

## ⬆ **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

Luke 2:22–35 (p. 857)

⬆ Hymn 305     Arise, My Soul, Arise

*Trinity Hymnal*



**Sermon Text:** Luke 23:39–43 (p. 884); John 19:18–27 (p. 928)

*The Words of Christ on the Cross:*

*The Words of Paradise and Provision*

Luke 23:39–43

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

John 19:18–27

<sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 498**    Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!    *Trinity Hymnal*

## 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

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains.  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day;  
And there have I as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
And there have I as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
lies silent in the grave:  
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping stammering tongue  
lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood  
shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

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

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## The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 455      And Can It Be That I Should Gain    *Trinity Hymnal*

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Luke 23:39–43; John 19:18–27

*The Words of Christ on the Cross:*

*The Words of Paradise and Provision*

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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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