

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



19 March 2023

*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	Amanda Grimes Evangeline Grimes Mia Lawrenz

Reflection

Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends.

— George Müller
Prussian evangelist (1805–1898)

Faith is not believing that God can, but that God will.

— Abraham Lincoln
The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln

Faith is not merely your holding on to God; it is God holding on to you.

— E. Stanley Jones
American Missionary to India (1884–1973)

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

— Martin Luther
German reformer (1483–1546)

God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road.

— Karen von Blixen-Finecke
Danish writer (1885–1962)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

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! *Psalms 124:8*
Minister: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*
All: Amen.

Call to Worship Psalms 22:22–24

Minister: I will tell of your name to my brothers;
All: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
Minister: You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
Minister: For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
All: and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

▲ **Hymn 255** O Jesus, We Adore Thee *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Matthew 16:24–27

Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.”

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

from the Strasbourg liturgy

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 5:5b–11

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.

⬆ **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

Matthew 26:14–56 (p. 832)

▲ **Hymn 499** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:32–35 (p. 834)

John 19:28–30 (p. 906); Psalm 69:1–4 (p. 482)

Psalm 19–21 (p. 483); Luke 23:44–46 (p. 884)

The Words of Christ on the Cross:

The Words of Suffering and Submission

Matthew 27:32–35

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

John 19:28–30

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- ¹ Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.
- ² I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
- ³ I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.
- ⁴ More in number than the hairs of my head
are those who hate me without cause;
mighty are those who would destroy me,
those who attack me with lies.
What I did not steal
must I now restore?
- ¹⁹ You know my reproach,
and my shame and my dishonor;
my foes are all known to you.
- ²⁰ Reproaches have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none,
and for comforters, but I found none.
- ²¹ They gave me poison for food,
and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

Luke 23:44–46

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Prayer of Intercession

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning your blood-stained brow.

(Refrain)

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life-
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.

(Refrain)

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross. (Repeat last 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,
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 deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give His only Son
To make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders!
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished!
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should his suffering be my gain?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom!

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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 585 Take My Life, and Let It Be *Trinity Hymnal*
(congregation stands on last verse)

⬆ The Benediction

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Matthew 27:32–35; John 19:28–30;
Psalm 69:1–4, Psalm 19–21; Luke 23:44–46

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HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
Timothy Skaggs	209.403.6767	Sundays 1:00 p.m.
Adam Grimes	214.226.1251	Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Brandon Luter Teen Trek	469.441.6306	Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

2023 Machen Spring Singles Conference Memorial Day Weekend (26-29 May 2023)

Come and enjoy fellowship and biblical teaching with other reformed singles in the beautiful spring weather in the mountains of western Virginia! This will be the first spring singles conference in recent years. There is also an extra day for more time to get to know each other!

This conference will include speaking sessions by Rev. Bill Shishko on “The Church Before the Modern Watching World.” In addition, there will be free time to enjoy hiking/recreational activities of your choice (feel free to bring your own recreational equipment and board games). *Attendance will be limited to 40 registrations.*

Registration

Register on-line at machen.org.

The registration fee includes lodging in a bunkhouse, all meals, and use of the main lodge facilities. Tent sites are also available if you would rather bring your own tent and sleep in it.

For any questions regarding the singles conference, please contact the organizer, Ken Barnes, at kbarnes670@gmail.com.

Speaker

Rev. Bill Shishko is pastor of The Haven at Commack (OPC) in Suffolk County, Long Island, NY. Bill also serves as the Program Director for Reformation Metro NY, Inc., an agency of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York (OPC).

Early Bird Registration Fee - \$85.00 (20 March - 30 April 2023)

Late Registration Fee - \$115 (1 - 30 May 2023)

Our Senior Pastor Rev. John Canales has been approved to serve as a missionary to the Pacific Islands, training and coaching pastors and church leaders. His wife, Mary Jo, will be engaged in discipling women and children. John continues as our Senior Pastor while actively pursuing raising the support needed for them to be released to the Pacific. During this time, Rev. David Boxerman (Honorably Retired) is assisting Christ Presbyterian by filling our pulpit, freeing Pastor Canales to plan and prepare for the mission field and to visit supporting churches as needed.

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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