

# 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>	Margaret Anne Gunter Mia Lawrenz Carol LeBeouf

# Reflection

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful, you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners.

— Søren Kierkegaard  
*Journals and Papers*

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 (A.D. 100–165)

The cross of Christ destroyed the equation “religion equals happiness.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
in a sermon preached in Spain

It may take a crucified church to bring a crucified Christ before the eyes of the world.

— W. E. Orchard  
*The Temple*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Not All the Blood of Beasts

Not all the blood of beasts  
on Jewish altars slain,  
could give the guilty conscience peace,  
or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
takes all our sins away,  
a sacrifice of nobler name  
and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand  
on that dear head of thine,  
while like a penitent I stand,  
and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see  
the burdens thou didst bear,  
when hanging on the cursed tree,  
and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice  
to see the curse remove;  
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,  
and sing his bleeding love.

# 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!** *Psalms 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

*Psalms 34:1–4, 8*

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

✠ **Hymn 524** Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

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✠ Congregation stands as able

# God Cleanses Us

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## Call to Confession of Sin

Ephesians 2:1–3

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

## Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (*unison*) from the *Dutch Psalter* (1566)

O eternal God and merciful Father,  
we humble ourselves before your great majesty  
against which we have frequently and grievously sinned.  
We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death.  
We are unclean before you and are children of wrath.  
We continually transgress your commandments,  
failing to do what you have commanded us  
and doing that which you have expressly forbidden.  
We all like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned everyone to his own way.  
We acknowledge our waywardness,  
and are heartily sorry for all our sins.  
We confess,  
to our humiliation and to the praise of your mercy,  
that our transgressions are innumerable,  
and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay.  
We are not worthy to be called your children,  
nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to you in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father,  
we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner,  
but rather that we should turn to you and live.  
We know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite.  
So we take courage to call upon you from the depths of our hearts,  
trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ,  
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

*Continues...*

Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake.  
Have compassion upon us in our infirmities.  
Wash us in the pure fountain of his blood,  
so that we may become clean and white as snow.  
Cover us with his innocence and righteousness,  
for the glory of your name.  
Deliver our understanding from all blindness,  
and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

### ▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:4–9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### ▲ **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

Matthew 18:15–35 (p. 823)

## ▲ Hymn      Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die,  
“It is finished!” was his cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,  
All his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** John 19:14–18, 28–30 (p. 905)

*The Words of Christ on the Cross:*

*The Words of Triumph*

<sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. [Pilate] said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

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<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Prayer of Intercession



**Hymn**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Continues...

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown:  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky;  
"You have washed us with your blood;  
You have washed us with your blood;  
You have washed us with your blood;  
You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

## 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

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.

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.

***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 44**      How Great Thou Art  
                                  (*congregation stands on last verse*)

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able



# Sermon Notes

John 19:14–18, 28–30

*The Words of Christ on the Cross:*

*The Words of Triumph*

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
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## **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](http://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](mailto: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).

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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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