

# 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

*Christ*  
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Biblical Confessional Reformed

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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>	Evangeline Grimes Carol LeBouef Tegan Thacker

# Reflection

The law may express sin but it cannot suppress sin.

— Thomas Adams  
English Puritan (1583–1652)

The law gives menaces; the gospel gives promises.


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In Jesus, God did what the law could not do. We see John showing us various spots in Jesus' early ministry taking place within six days. On the sixth day, John takes us to the wedding where Jesus' first sign invites us even more deeply to behold his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14b), to do what the law which came through Moses could not do (Romans 8:3).

— I. A.  
a certain 21<sup>st</sup>-c. preacher from Lebanon


# We Prepare to Meet with God

## Prelude



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,


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All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.

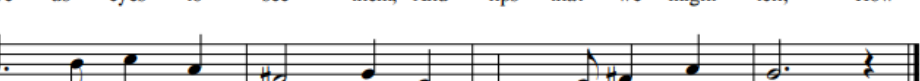
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lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings; He  
pur - ple head - ed moun - tains, The riv - er run - ning by, The  
cold wind in the win - ter, The plea - sant sum - mer sun, The  
gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell, How

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made their glow - ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.  
sun - set and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
ripe fruits in the gar - den He made them ev - 'ry one.  
great is God Al - migh - ty Who has made all things well.

# 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 95:6–7

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

⬆ **Hymn 32**      Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Trinity Hymnal*

## ⬆ **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

Psalm 86:3–4, 6–7

Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.  
Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

... Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.  
In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.

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

Holy God, we have deceived ourselves into believing  
that our sins aren't that bad,  
that your grace isn't enough,  
and that we can earn your forgiveness.  
We have embraced the stable misery of sin-fractured relationships  
rather than seeking true reconciliation  
through your grace and mercy.  
We have lived as people pacified by our possessions  
and dulled by our duties,  
rather than being jolted by your Spirit  
to live as Christ out in the world.  
We speak of sacrifice flippantly,  
we refuse to step outside of our comfort zones,  
and we don't want to do what it really takes  
to take up your cross and follow you.  
Change us from the inside out,  
so that we can be one of your sent ones in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 86:5

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

## ⬆ 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

Romans 8:1–11 (p. 944)

## ⬆ Hymn 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Trinity Hymnal*



**Sermon Text:** John 1:19–2:12 (p. 886)

*Jesus' First Sign After One Week*

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup> He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup> John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and

they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**2** <sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk

freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

What love could remember what wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.  
**Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.***

## 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

Amidst us our Beloved stands,  
And bids us view his pierc-ed hands;  
Points to the wounded feet and side,  
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,  
When at his table sits the Lord!  
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,  
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,  
We see the signs, but see not him;  
O may his love the scales displace,  
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,  
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!  
O lift the veil, if veil there be,  
Let every saint your glory see!

If we have been united with [Christ] in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### ***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

<b>Hymn 642</b>	Be Thou My Vision	Trinity Hymnal
	<i>(congregation stands on last verse)</i>	

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

John 1:19–2:12

*Jesus' First Sign After One Week*

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
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Adam Grimes	214.226.1251	Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Brandon Luter Teen Trek	469.441.6306	Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

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. Imad Aubrey, a Lebanese missionary, is assisting Christ Presbyterian Church over the next few weeks 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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### Staff

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**Chief Musician** – Sharon Miller

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

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