

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



21 May 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

Tegan Thacker

Reflection

God loves us; not because we are loveable but because He is love, not because he needs to receive but because He delights to give.

— C. S. Lewis

Where the church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the church and every kind of grace.

— Irenaeus

Bishop of Lyon and early church father (AD 130–200)

Against Heresies

Faith is the principal work of the Holy Spirit ... Prayer is the chief exercise of faith.

— John Calvin

Institutes of the Christian Religion

The early church was birthed into an environment of sorcerers, gods, goddesses, and many spiritual cults and religions. We are not facing anything new. We are not facing anything that the Holy Spirit of God ... cannot overcome.

— Dan Kimball

The Emerging Church

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love, so faint, so cold to you,
and yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
with all your quick'ning pow'rs;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love
and that shall kindle ours.

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!** *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 9:1–2

Minister: We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart;
We will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**All: We will be glad and exult in you;
We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

⬆ **Hymn 4** All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

⬆ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Ezekiel 36:25–27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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

Hymn 485 O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 31:31–34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

▲ 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

1 Corinthians 12:1–13 (p. 959)

▲ Hymn 681 How Gentle God's Commands

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Imad Aubrey

Sermon Text: John 14:15–31a; 15:26–27; 16:5–15 (p. 901)

“Pneuma: Another Helper”

John 14:15–31a

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when

it does take place you may believe.³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.”

John 15:26-27

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

John 16:5-15

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Prayer of Intercession

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
 Breathe new life into my willing soul;
 Bring the presence of the Risen Lord,
 To renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
 Give me faith for what I cannot see.
 Give me passion for Your purity;
 Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
 May Your joy be seen in all I do.
 Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
 In each thought and deed and attitude.
 Kindness to the greatest and the least;
 Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
 Turn my striving into works of grace;
 Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
 Giving life to all that God has made.
 Show Your power once again on earth,
 Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
 Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
 Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 That in unity the face of Christ
 Will be clear for all the world to see.

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 blest is he whose trespass
has freely been forgiv'n,
whose sin is wholly covered
before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah
will not impute his sin,
who has a guileless spirit,
whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence
my strength was spent with grief,
thy hand was heavy on me,
my soul found no relief;
but when I owned my trespass,
my sin hid not from thee,
when I confessed transgression,
then thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek thee
in times when thou art near;
no whelming floods shall reach them,
nor cause their hearts to fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me,
thou savest me from ill,
and songs of thy salvation
my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee
the way that thou shalt go,
and with mine eye upon thee
my counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly,
or slow to understand,
be not perverse, but willing
to heed my wise command.

Continues...

The sorrows of the wicked
in number shall abound,
but those that trust Jehovah,
his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful,
in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous,
rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

1 Corinthians 12:12–14, 27

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

2 John 8–9

Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

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

Psalm 19:7–14

Trinity Psalter

(congregation stands on last verse)

⬆ The Benediction

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

John 14:15–31a; 15:26–27; 16:5–15

“Pneuma: Another Helper”

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
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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.



Congratulations Class of 2023

HIGH SCHOOL

Cassie Jones

COLLEGE

Connor Altagen

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in obedience to him.*

Psalms 128:1

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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