

# 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>	Amanda Grimes Evangeline Grimes Wendy Eudy

# Reflection

The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.

— J. I. Packer  
*Knowing God*

I was like a stone lying in deep mud, but he that is mighty lifted me up and placed me on top of the wall.

— Patrick  
British missionary to Ireland (AD 387–461)  
*Declaration*

The right way to approach God is to stretch out our hands and ask of One who we know has the heart of a Father.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
*The Cost of Discipleship*

The love of Christ was demonstrated through suffering, and those who experience that love can never put it into practice without some cost.

— Festo Kivengere  
*I Love Idi Amin*

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **I Am Not My Own**

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.  
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.  
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,  
And all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God.  
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.  
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane  
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

### **CHORUS**

*I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.  
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.  
I will honor Him for this I know  
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.*

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.  
The measure of my worth is His love alone.  
He declares my standing, and He declares my state,  
So I will know myself by the name He gave.

### **CHORUS**

I am not my own and now my heart is free;  
O Maker, come and make what You will of me.  
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,  
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

### **CHORUS**

I will honor Him for this I know  
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

# 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 33:1

Minister: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
**All: Praise befits the upright.**  
Minister: Let us worship God!

⬆ **Hymn 1**      All People That on Earth Do Dwell

⬆ **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 25:4–7

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

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

*Drawn in part from Psalm 25:11, 16–18*

How great and glorious you are, O God.  
There is no one like you.  
You transform our weakness into strength.  
You forgive our stubbornness and arrogance,  
and fill us with your generous wisdom.  
You turn our errors into stepping stones  
and our defeats into victories.  
You create beauty out of the ashes of our sinful nature.

Forgive us, Lord, for being silent about your goodness  
and for trusting the foolish wisdom of this world.  
Help us not to give up or give in to the temptations around us  
and to keep our eyes focused on your loving grace.

As the psalmist prayed:  
“For your name’s sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.”  
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 5:7–10

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## ⬆ **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

Exodus 32 (p. 72)

## ▲ Psalm 25:1–7

To Thee I lift my soul, O Lord; I trust in Thee.  
My God, let me not be ashamed, nor foes exult o'er me.  
Yea, none that wait on Thee shall be ashamed at all;  
But those that wantonly transgress, upon them shame shall fall.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord; Thy paths, O teach thou me;  
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth; Therein my teacher be.  
For Thou art God that dost to me salvation send,  
And I upon Thee all the day expecting do attend.

Thy tender mercies, Lord, to mind Thou do recall,  
And lovingkindnesses, for they have been through ages all.  
My sins of youth, my faults, Do Thou, O Lord, forget;  
In lovingkindness think on me and for Thy goodness great.



<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that

the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road,  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me.  
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He has sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait His day, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;  
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

*My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.*

## 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

*Hymn — During the bread*    The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords  
Is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heav'n's eternal Light:

The joy of all who dwell above,  
The joy of all below,  
To whom he manifests his love,  
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name an everlasting name,  
Their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
They reign with him above;  
Their profit and their joy to know  
The myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## **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  
*(congregation stands on last verse)*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain—  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That thou, my God, should die for me?  
*Amazing love! How can it be,  
That thou, my God, should die for me?*

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
*'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;  
Let angel minds inquire no more.*

*Continues...*



He left his Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite his grace—  
Emptied himself (so great his love!)  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
*My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
*Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

John 17

*Jesus' High Priestly Prayer*

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*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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