

# 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

**Worship**

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# Reflection

Just think: Every promise God has ever made finds its fulfillment in Jesus. God doesn't just give us grace; he gives us Jesus, the Lord of grace. If it's peace, it's only found in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Even life itself is found in the Resurrection and the Life. Christianity isn't all that complicated ... it's Jesus.

— Joni Eareckson Tada  
*Lamp unto My Feet*

If you attempt to talk with a dying man about sports or business, he is no longer interested. He now sees other things as more important. People who are dying recognize what we often forget, that we are standing on the brink of another world.

— William Law  
*A Practical Treatise upon Christian Perfection*

Thank God, our friends are not buried; they are only sown.

— Dwight L. Moody  
in his sermon "Jesus Arose: So Shall We Rise"

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Rejoice, All Ye Believers

Rejoice, all ye believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near:  
the Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he draweth nigh;  
up, pray, and watch, and wrestle:  
at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;  
replenish them with oil;  
and wait for your salvation,  
the end of earthly toil.  
The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
go meet him as he cometh,  
with alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience  
your cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever,  
when sorrow is no more:  
around the throne of glory  
the Lamb ye shall behold,  
in triumph cast before him  
your diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that brings us unto thee.

# 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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Daniel 7:13–14*

Minister: I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.

**All: And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;**

Minister: his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

*Hebrews 12:28–29*

Minister: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom  
that cannot be shaken,  
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship,  
with reverence and awe,  
for our God is a consuming fire.

▲ **Hymn 461** Not What My Hands Have Done

▲ **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

Isaiah 6:1–5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

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

Our great and gracious God,  
you are the King, you are the Lord,  
you are the One who delivers us from the darkness.  
You are our Maker and our Redeemer and our Comforter.  
We give you praise.  
You are all-wise  
and you know us inside and out.  
We come to you now to open the doors of our hearts  
and to let you into our hidden places of darkness and sin.

We confess that we have said and done things  
that are against your will and that have hurt others.  
Among other things, we have stepped on other people,  
acted selfishly, and said hurtful things,  
falling short of who you would have us be.  
We also confess that we have often been too busy  
to stop and listen to your voice.  
We don't act on the promise to rest in you.

Lord, we are sorry.

Please forgive us,  
not in our own merit, for we have none,  
but resting wholly on the merit of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Through your Holy Spirit,  
fill us with your hope and peace.  
Renew in us a spirit of obedience,  
that we might live to glorify your name.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### ▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 6:6–7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

### ▲ **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 19:1–20 (p. 60)

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (p. 962)

✠ **Hymn 321** Great God, What Do I See and Hear!

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. Imad Aubrey

**Sermon Text:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (p. 987)

*How to Grieve Rightly*

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Prayer of Intercession

## Reception of New Members

Daniel & Angela Padilla

✠ **Hymn 324** Christ is Coming!



## 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

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, O my soul, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### ***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**      Christ Our Hope in Life and Death  
*(congregation stands on last verse)*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand?  
What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing, Hallelujah!*  
*Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing, Hallelujah!*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing, Hallelujah!*  
*Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing, Hallelujah!*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ, our hope in life and death.*

*Continues...*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
“Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing, Hallelujah!*  
*Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing, Hallelujah!*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ, our hope in life and death. (Repeat chorus.)*

## ⬆ **The Benediction**

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# Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

*How to Grieve Rightly*

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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# 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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