

# 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**

Amanda Grimes  
Evie Grimes  
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# Reflection

Forgiveness is the giving, and so the receiving, of life.

— George MacDonald

It's Satan's delight to tell me that once he's got me, he will keep me. But at that moment I can go back to God. And I know that if I confess my sins, God is faithful and just to forgive me.

— Alan Redpath

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

— John F. Kennedy

The voice of sin is loud, but the voice of forgiveness is louder.

— Dwight L. Moody

There is the great lesson of “Beauty and the Beast,” that a thing must be loved before it is lovable.

— G.K. Chesterton

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Psalm 1

*Tune: ARLINGTON*

O greatly blessed is the man  
Who walketh not astray  
In counsel of ungodly men,  
Nor stands in sinners' way.

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair,  
But placeth his delight  
Upon God's law, and meditates,  
On His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows  
Set by the water side,  
Which in its season yield its fruit,  
And green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well.  
The wicked are not so,  
But are like chaff which by the wind  
Is driven to and fro.

In judgment therefore shall not stand  
Such as ungodly are,  
Nor in th'assembly of the just  
Shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men  
Is to Jehovah known,  
Whereas the way of wicked men  
Shall quite be overthrown.

# 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 59:16–17

Minister: We will sing of your strength;  
we will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

**All: For you have been to us a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of our distress.**

Minister: O my Strength, we will sing praises to you,

**All: for you, O God, are our fortress,  
the God who shows us steadfast love.**

⬆ **Hymn 66**      God Is Known among His People      *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

Isaiah 55:6–7

Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

Gracious and merciful Father,  
we have traded gratitude for license,  
and we have treated favor with contempt.  
Rather than living as we ought in response to your grace,  
we live as we please, and we invite your anger.

Have mercy on us, Father.  
In your steadfast love, we humbly ask  
that you continue to bring about in us  
both our betterment and your glory.  
Let us again see that our only hope  
is in Christ and him alone.  
May your supreme love in him speak loudly to us  
such that our rebellion might be a fading whisper in the past.  
We pray these things for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 44:21–23

Remember these things, O Jacob,  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you; you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,  
and will be glorified in Israel.

## ⬆ **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 12:9–21 (p. 948)

## ▲ Hymn      When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*



## Preaching of the Word

Mr. Brandon Luter

**Sermon Text:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8 (p.987)

*A Life on the Mend*

<sup>1</sup> Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

## Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 696**    I've Found the Pearl of Greatest Price    *Trinity Hymnal*

## 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

Teach me, O Lord, thy holy way,  
and give me an obedient mind;  
that in thy service I may find  
my soul's delight from day to day.

Guide me, O Savior, with thy hand,  
and so control my thoughts and deeds,  
that I may tread the path which leads  
right onward to the blessed land.

Help me, O Savior, here to trace  
the sacred footsteps thou has trod;  
and meekly walking with my God,  
to grow in goodness, truth, and grace.

Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne'er  
forsake the right or do the wrong:  
Against temptation make me strong,  
and round me spread thy shelt'ring care.

Bless me in ev'ry task, O Lord,  
Begun, continued, done for thee:  
Fulfil thy perfect work in me;  
and thine abounding grace afford.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

### ***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**

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## Hymn 672

## Trust and Obey

Trinity Hymnal

(congregation stands on last verse)

### ✦ The Benediction

✦ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 4:1–8

*A Life on the Mend*

## 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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