

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



30 July 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

Worship

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Reflection

I have preached justification by faith so often, and I feel sometimes that you are so slow to receive it that I could almost take the Bible and bang it about your heads.

— Martin Luther

Christ hides our unrighteousness with his righteousness, he covers our disobedience with his obedience, he shadows our death with his death, that the wrath of God cannot find us.

— Henry Smith

Faith is not a distant view, but a warm embrace of Christ.

— John Calvin

Saving faith is not creative, but receptive. It does not make our salvation, it takes it gratefully.

— Robert M. Horn

Religion is not a matter of fits, starts and stops, but an everyday affair.

— David Livingstone

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

— William Cowper

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” (1774)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord for he is kind:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us sound his name abroad, for of gods he is the God:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed; his full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

He his chosen race did bless in the wasteful wilderness:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

He has with a piteous eye looked upon our misery:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us then with gladsome mind praise the Lord for he is kind:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

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

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 57:7–10

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!
I will sing and make melody!

**All: Awake, my glory!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!**

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

▲ **Hymn 100** Holy, Holy, Holy!

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

1 Peter 1:13–16

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

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

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.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:17–19

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

⬆ 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

Genesis 15 (p. 10); Romans 4 (p. 941)

⬆ Hymn 34

The God of Abraham Praise

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:8–10 (p. 1007)

Abraham: From Pagan to Patriarch

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Prayer of Intercession

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

Refrain:
God of mercy! God of grace!
Give us eyes to see!
Eyes to see your smiling face
Within the mystery, within the mystery.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

Refrain

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

Refrain

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

Let thy blood in mercy poured,
Let thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord,
Of thy boundless love the token.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Thou didst die that I might live;
Blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me:
All that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
By the spear wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death, I now
Claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
Thou art my exalted King,
Of thy matchless love forgive me.
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Hymn 521 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less *Trinity Hymnal*
(congregation stands on last verse)

⬆ The Benediction

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:8–10

Abraham: From Pagan to Patriarch

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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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