

# 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

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

— John Chrysostom  
Archbishop of Constantinople and church father (349–407)

How can there be great faith where is little faithfulness?

— William Gurnall  
Anglican minister (1616–1679)

Faithfulness is our business; fruitfulness is an issue that we must be content to leave with God.

— J. I. Packer  
British-Canadian theologian (1926–2020)

Christians do not have to live; they have only to be faithful to Jesus Christ, not only *until* death but *unto* death if necessary.

— Vince Havner  
Southern Baptist preacher (1901–1986)

It is better to be faithful than famous.

— Theodore Roosevelt  
25<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S. (1858–1919)

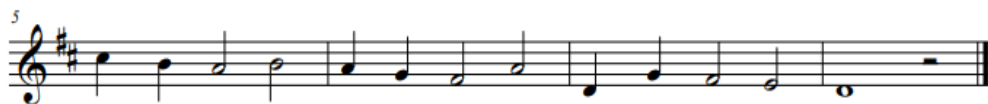
## We Prepare to Meet with God

## Prelude

## Through All the Changing Scenes of Life



1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in trou - ble and in joy, the  
2. Of his de - liv - 'rance I will boast, till all that are dis - tressed from  
3. mag - ni - fy the Lord with me, with me ex - alt his name; when  
4. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the dwell - ings of the just; de -  
5. O make but tri - al of his love; ex - per - ience will de - cide how  
6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have noth - ing else to fear: make



prais - es of my God shall still my heart and tongue em - plo.  
my ex - am - ple com - fort take, and charm their griefs to rest.  
in dis - tress to him I called, he to my res - cue came.  
liv - 'rance he af - fords to all who on his suc - cor trust.  
blest they are, and on - ly they, who in his truth con - fide.  
you his ser - vice your de - light; he'll make your wants his care.

# 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 34:1–4, 8

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;**  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!  
**All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me**  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**  
Minister: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

▲ **Hymn 32**      Great Is Thy Faithfulness *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

Psalm 27:7-9

Minister: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

**All: You have said, “Seek my face.”  
My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

Minister: Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.

**All: Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!**

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

Our glorious God,  
rich in grace and amazing in splendor,  
we come to you knowing that we often live life apart from you.

Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

In our busyness we put our spiritual life behind many other things.

Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

We focus on what we need rather than on what you ask of us.

Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

We minimize our sin and allow it to become commonplace in our  
lives.

Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

We are slow to forgive even though you have given us great grace.

Forgive us and help us to be faithful.

Shape us and mold us

so that we can be as faithful to you as you are to us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

⬆ **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 26:1–6; 27:1–45 (p. 20)

▲ **Hymn 628**    Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare    *Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** Hebrews 11:17–20 (p. 1008)

*Isaac: We Can't All Be Abraham, Jacob and Joseph*

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 689** Be Still, My Soul *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

The Lord's my shining light  
And my salvation sure;  
Who can fill me with fright  
Or move my heart secure?  
The Lord's my stronghold ever near;  
Of Whom then shall I stand in fear?

When adversaries came  
To eat my flesh away,  
Those wicked tripped in shame,  
And fell to their dismay.  
Though hosts surround, I will not quail;  
And still I trust, though war assail.

My one desire has been,  
Still to the Lord I'll pray,  
That all my days within  
The Lord's house I may stay,  
The Lord's own beauty to admire,  
And in His temple to inquire.

When troubles fill my day,  
When fears and dangers throng,  
Securely hid I'll stay  
In his pavilion strong.  
He'll hide me in His tent always;  
And high upon a rock me raise.

My head shall lifted be  
Above my enemies.  
Within his tent with glee  
I'll offer sacrifice.  
With shouts of joy my song I'll bring;  
There praises to the Lord I'll sing.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

*By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.*

*We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave.*

*By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth.*

*We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

Continues...

*By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.*

*We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

## ⬆ **The Benediction**

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# Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:17–20 (p. 1008)

*Isaac: We Can't All Be Abraham, Jacob and Joseph*

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Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
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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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