

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

Allie Carpenter
Lori Peterson
Annelise Pipkin

Reflection

God, who sees us in our worst moments, does not measure us by them.

— Elisa Morgan
Mom to Mom

Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.

— Mark Twain
in his essay “Etiquette for the Afterlife”

Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved.

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

Man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is glue.

— Eugene O'Neill
The Great God Brown

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1–3

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

**All: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to him with psalms.**

Minister: For the LORD is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.

⬆ **Hymn 75** O Father, You Are Sovereign *Trinity Hymnal*

⬆ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 6:1–2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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

Holy God,

You are the anchor amidst our fears.

You know the sins we cannot even admit to ourselves.

You show your faithfulness even when we reject you.

You offer grace even when we offer judgment.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us overcome our fears.

Help us face all of our sins.

Help us to be faithful.

Help us to be full of grace.

Remind us that we are a people whom you have redeemed,
not a people still imprisoned by our sins.

And help us to live as people full of hope in Jesus Christ,
shaped by your forgiving love.

We humbly ask through the name of Christ. Amen.

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 6:3–4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

✠ 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 28:10–22 (p. 22); 32:22–32 (p. 27)
John 1:43–51 (p. 887)

✠ **Hymn 456** By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dave Boxerman

Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:17–21 (p. 1008)

Jacob: A Ladder, a Limp and a Trophy of Grace

¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

Prayer of Intercession

A debtor to mercy alone,
 Of covenant mercy I sing;
 Nor fear, with your righteousness on,
 My person and offering to bring.
 The terrors of law and of God
 With me can have nothing to do;
 My Savior's obedience and blood
 Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,
 The arm of his strength will complete;
 His promise is yea and amen,
 And never was forfeited yet.
 Things future, nor things that are now,
 Nor all things below or above,
 Can make him his purpose forgo,
 Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands
 Eternity will not erase;
 Impressed on his heart it remains,
 In marks of indelible grace.
 Yes, I to the end shall endure,
 As sure as the earnest is given;
 More happy, but not more secure,
 The glorified spirits in heaven.

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

“Jesus sinners doth receive”:
Word of surest consolation;
Word all sorrow to relieve,
Word of pardon, peace, salvation!
Naught like this can comfort give:
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

On God’s grace we have no claim,
Yet to us his pledge is given;
He hath sworn by his own name,
Open are the gates of heaven.
Take to heart this word and live:
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

When a helpless lamb doth stray,
After it, the Shepherd, pressing
Through each dark and dangerous way,
Brings it back, his own possessing.
Jesus seeks thee, O believe:
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Now my conscience is at peace,
From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release
And my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve—
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

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 441

Jesus Shall Reign

Trinity Hymnal

(congregation stands on last verse)

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:17–21 (p. 1008)

Jacob: A Ladder, a Limp and a Trophy of Grace

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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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