

# 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

<b>Sunday School</b>	Paula Ea MJ Canales
<b>Worship</b>	Lauren Alexander MJ Canales Tegan Thacker

# Reflection

A disciple is a person who learns to live the life his teacher lives.

— Juan Carlos Ortiz  
20<sup>th</sup>-c. Argentinian pastor and evangelist

As the soldier follows his general, as the servant follows his master, as the scholar follows his teacher, as the sheep follows its shepherd, just so ought the professing Christian to follow Christ.

— J. C. Ryle  
19<sup>th</sup>-c. Anglican bishop

Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have.

— Billy Graham  
20<sup>th</sup>-c. Baptist evangelist

Jesus promised his disciples three things — that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy and in constant trouble.

— F. R. Maltby  
*Barclay's Daily Study Bible*

It costs to follow Jesus Christ, but it costs more not to.

— Author unknown

When we learn to hold the world with a loose grip we are learning to take hold of the world to come with a firm grip.

— Sinclair Ferguson  
Scottish pastor and theologian

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

## **Jesus Calls Us**

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

# 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 134:1-3

Minister: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**All: Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!**

Minister: May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

⬆ **Hymn 64**      God, the Lord, a King Remaineth      *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

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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

*Freely adapted from a prayer by John Wesley*

O merciful Father,  
when you look upon us and our sin  
do not regard what we have done against you,  
but consider only what our blessed Savior has done for us.  
Do not regard what we have made of ourselves;  
but only what you have made Christ to be on our behalf.  
O that Christ may be to every one of our souls,  
wisdom and righteousness,  
sanctification and redemption!

Grant that his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins,  
and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls.  
May he crucify our fallen flesh with its affections and lusts,  
and put to death all that is wicked within us.  
O merciful God, do not let sin reign in our mortal bodies,  
so that we remain under the power of its twisted desires.  
Instead, free us from the power of sin,  
so that we might become servants of righteousness.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
who alone makes our salvation possible. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Luke 24:46–47

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

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 2 (p. 45)

▲ **Hymn 80**      Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Trinity Hymnal

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. David Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** Hebrews 11:23–28 (p. 1008)

*Decisions, Decisions, Decisions*

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and power.

*Refrain*

*I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.

*Refrain*

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.

*Refrain*

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him.

*Refrain*

## **Reception of New Members**

Rob, Cristy, Jak and Stella Kleifgen



## 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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
“Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.  
“Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.  
“Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.  
“Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.  
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and  
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice  
and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they  
persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

### ***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** And Can It Be That I Should Gain  
(congregation stands on last verse)

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain—  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
*That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

‘Tis mystery all: th’Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
‘Tis mercy *all!* Let earth adore;  
*Let angel minds inquire no more.*

He left his Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite his grace—  
Emptied himself (so great his love!)  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Continues...

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
*My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
*Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

## ⬆ The Benediction

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:23–28

*Decisions, Decisions, Decisions*

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Ea's home Fridays at 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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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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