

# 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 Amanda Grimes
<b>Worship</b>	Amanda Grimes Evangeline Grimes Chelsea Schleifer

# Reflection

God is not hostile to sinners, but only to unbelievers.

— Martin Luther  
*The Christian in Society*

There is more grace in God's heart than there is sin in your past.

— Erwin Lutzer  
Canadian pastor

When he says he loves us, does not God ... mean something like the following: "Morally speaking, you are the people of the halitosis, the bulbous nose, the greasy hair, the disjointed knees, the abominable personality. Your sins have made you disgustingly ugly. But I love you anyway, not because you are attractive, but because it is my nature to love."

— D. A. Carson  
*The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Zion Founded on the Mountains

Zion, founded on the mountains,  
God, thy Maker, loves thee well;  
He has chosen thee, most precious,  
He delights in thee to dwell;  
*God's own city, God's own city,  
Who can all thy glory tell?*  
*God's own city, God's own city,  
Who can all thy glory tell.*

Heathen lands and hostile peoples  
Soon shall come the Lord to know;  
Nations born again in Zion  
Shall the Lord's salvation show.  
*God Almighty, God Almighty,  
Shall on Zion strength bestow;*  
*God Almighty, God Almighty,  
Shall on Zion strength bestow.*

When the Lord shall count the nations,  
Sons and daughters he shall see,  
Born to endless life in Zion,  
And their joyful song shall be:  
*"Blessed Zion, Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee;  
Blessed Zion, Blessed Zion,  
All our fountains are in thee."*

# 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 149:1-4*

Minister: Praise the Lord!  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Minister: Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**All: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

▲ **Hymn 369** Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

▲ **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

Ephesians 2:1–3

You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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

*A prayer by Martin Bucer*

Almighty, everlasting God and Father,  
we acknowledge and confess  
that we indeed were conceived and born in sin  
and, therefore, inclined to all evil and slow to all good;  
that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments,  
and corrupt ourselves more and more.

But we are sorry for this  
and desire your grace and help.  
Therefore, have mercy upon us,  
most gracious and merciful God and Father,  
through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness  
from the depth of our heart,  
feel true contrition and grief for them,  
die to them completely,  
and please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:4–7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## ⬆ **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

Joshua 2 (p. 178)

⬆ **Hymn 461**    Not What My Hands Have Done    *Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** Hebrews 11:30–31 (p. 1008)

*When the Walls Caved In, She Didn't*

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

## Prayer of Intercession

⬆ **Hymn 498**    Jesus! What a Friend for Sinner!    *Trinity Hymnal*

## Reception of New Members

Kyle and Sydnee Reed



## 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

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
*O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*  
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,  
*and live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)*  
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Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
                    my comfort, and my sweet support;  
*I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)*  
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What though I wait the livelong night,  
                    and till the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed;  
*and wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)*  
*and wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)*

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
                    his grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free  
*from all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)*  
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At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

### ***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

Facing a Task Unfinished  
(congregation stands on last verse)

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees;  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease.  
We, who rejoice to know Thee,  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway,  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today.  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light,  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night.

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission;  
The same glad message ours,  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers.

*Continues...*

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled;  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

O Father who sustained them,  
O Spirit who inspired,  
Savior, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired.  
From cowardice defend us,  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labor for Thy sake.

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## ⬆ **The Benediction**

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# Sermon Notes

Hebrews 11:30–31

*When the Walls Caved In, She Didn't*

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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