

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

Sunday School Mary Jo Canales
Paula Ea

Worship Name
Name
Name

Reflection

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.

— Augustine
bishop of Hippo (AD 354–430)

Our Creator would never have made such lovely days, and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them, above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal.

— Nathaniel Hawthorne
The Old Manse

The splendor of a human heart that trusts and is loved unconditionally gives God more pleasure than Westminster Cathedral, the Sistine Chapel, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Van Gogh's Sunflowers, the sight of ten thousand butterflies in flight, or the scent of a million orchids in bloom. Trust is our gift back to God, and he finds it so enchanting that Jesus died for love of it.

— Brennan Manning
in a *Christianity Today* interview with Dick Staub

If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, his arm over us, his ear open to our prayer — his grace sufficient, his promise unchangeable.

— John Newton
in a letter to the Rev. Mr. R****

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

I Am the Vine

1. I am the vine, you are the branch - es,
 5. a - bide in Me. _____
 9. I am the vine, you are the branch - es,
 13. a - bide in My love. _____
 17. 1. As the branch can not bear fruit by it - self, un -
 2. He who a - bides in Me, and I in him, _____
 3. By this My Father is glo - ri - fied: _____
 4. All of these things I have spo - ken to you, _____
 21. less it a - bide in the vine, _____
 He it is that bears the much fruit, _____
 that you would bear _____ fruit. _____
 so that My joy may be in you. _____
 25. nei - ther can you, un - less you a - bide in Me. _____
 A - bide in Me, for a - part from Me you can do noth - ing. _____
 A - bide in Me, and so prove to be my dis - ci - ples. _____
 A - bide in Me! And then shall your joy be full! _____

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 105:1–4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**All: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

✠ **Hymn 2** O Worship the King *Trinity Hymnal*

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

✠ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 57:1–3

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.
I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

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

Heavenly Father,
it is astounding how many ways we find to doubt you.
At times we doubt your power and your ability
to do actual miracles in our lives.
In other situations, we doubt that your methods and solutions
are indeed the best way to go.
We fool ourselves into believing that our ways
will be superior to your ways.
And, most importantly, we doubt that all you are doing for us
is the result of a great love for us.
Our heads believe in your love,
but our hearts are lagging behind.. Amen.
Have mercy upon us, Lord.
Help us with our disbelief.
Forgive us for looking through worldly eyes
instead of asking you for heavenly vision.
Thank you for your endless grace and patience.
More than anything, we want to walk in your will.
We pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Galatians 4:4–7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

⬆ **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

Exodus 24:1–11 (p. 64)

⬆ **Hymn 59** Forever Settled in the Heavens

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:1–11 (p. 981)

Confronting the Sovereign Self:

Your True Worth and Identity

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Prayer of Intercession

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,
And all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God.
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.
The measure of my worth is His love alone.
He declares my standing, and He declares my state,
So I will know myself by the name He gave.

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

I am not my own, and now my heart is free;
O Maker, come and make what You will of me.
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

Reception of New Members

Jonah and Mikaelan, Ellie and Arie Martinez

Baptism of covenant child

Arabelle Sage Martinez,
daughter of Jonah and Mikaelan Martinez

Congregational prayer for child

O LORD Jesus Christ, who embraces children with the arms of your mercy, and makes them living members of your Church: Give her grace, we pray, to stand fast in your faith, to obey your word, and to abide in your love; that, being made strong by your Holy Spirit, she may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with you in the life that is to come. We ask through your merits, O merciful Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign as one God, time without end. Amen.

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

God, in the gospel of his Son,
makes his eternal counsels known;
where love in all its glory shines,
and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
may taste his grace, and learn his name;
may read, in characters of blood,
the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The prisoner here may break his chains;
the weary rest from all his pains;
the captive feel his bondage cease;
the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
a brighter world beyond the skies;
here shines the light which guides our way
from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord,
to read and mark your holy Word;
its truths with meekness to receive,
and by its holy precepts live.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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 642

Be Thou My Vision
(congregation stands on last verse)

Trinity Hymnal

▲ The Benediction

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Philippians 3:1–11

Confronting the Sovereign Self: Your True Worth and Identity

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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