

# 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>	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
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# Reflection

None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
*Elective Affinities*

We have not advanced very far in our spiritual lives if we have not encountered the basic paradox of freedom, to the effect that we are most free when we are bound.

— Elton Trueblood  
*The New Man for Our Time*

A free will desires nothing of its own. It only cares for the will of God, and so it remains free, cleaving and clinging to nothing.

— Martin Luther  
in his exposition of the Lord's Prayer

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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**Prelude**

Psalm 19:7–14

*Tune: MILLENIUM*

Jehovah's perfect law  
Restores the soul again;  
His testimony sure  
Gives wisdom unto men;  
The precepts of the Lord are right,  
And fill the heart with great delight.

The Lord's command is pure,  
Enlightening the eyes;  
Jehovah's fear is clean,  
More lasting than the skies.  
The judgments of the Lord express  
His truth and perfect righteousness.

They're more to be desired  
Than stores of finest gold;  
Than honey from the comb  
More sweetness far they hold.  
With warnings they Thy servant guard;  
In keeping them is great reward.

He errors who can know?  
Cleanse me from hidden stain.  
Keep me from willful sins,  
Nor let them o'er me reign.  
And then I upright shall appear  
And be from great transgression clear.

Let all the words I speak  
And all the thoughts within  
Come up before Thy sight  
And Thine approval win.  
O Thou Jehovah, unto me  
My rock and my Redeemer be.

# 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 50:1, 5-7a

Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
**All: “Gather to me my faithful ones,**  
**who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**  
Leader: The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!  
**All: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak.”**

⬆ **Hymn 164**    O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing    *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

Hebrews 10:19–22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

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

Almighty God,  
    gracious beyond all measure,  
we come to you now as your children  
    because we know we are broken and sinful  
    and need you so very much.  
You are our Lord and King,  
    and you love us more than we can imagine.  
Even knowing this, we still run from you  
    and try to live as if we don't need you.  
We have broken our relationship with you  
    and have done things that have hurt you  
    and others and ourselves.  
We have said ugly and mean words,  
    and acted in judgmental and arrogant ways.  
We have been impatient and self-centered.

For all these sins, and more, we are sorry.  
    Please forgive us.  
We repent and turn our faces toward you  
    to receive your love and forgiveness,  
    offered through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Help us to live as those who have been blessed in Christ,  
    willing to give you our whole lives.  
Thank you for never leaving us or forsaking us.  
    In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 9:26b–28

[Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## ⬆ **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**

1 Corinthians 13 (p. 959)

▲ **Hymn 644**    May the Mind of Christ My Savior

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** John 8:31–36 (p. 894)    *True Freedom*

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> 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?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**Prayer of Intercession**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed.

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

Continues...

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.*

*All the glory evermore to Him.*

*When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:*

*Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (Repeat)*

*Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

## **Reception of New Member**

Julia Bell

## 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

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,  
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All in all.

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,  
thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
give me to eat and live with thee above;  
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
that he may touch mine eyes, and make me see:  
show me the truth concealed within thy Word,  
and in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### ***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

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**

John 8:31–36

*True Freedom*

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
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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