

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	Paula Ea MJ Canales
Worship	Amanda Grimes Evangeline Grimes Tegan Thacker

Reflection

We have too many men of science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount ... Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living.

— General Omar Bradley
in his 1948 Armistice Day address

People who have no fear of God soon have no fear of man, and no respect for human laws and authority.

— Charles Colson
How Now Shall We Live?

Tolerance once meant that we could use our reason to discern good and evil in open debate. Today tolerance has been used to call good evil and evil good.

— Charles Colson
The Good Life

Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.

— William Penn
founder of Pennsylvania (1644–1718)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart could know
From whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou,
With health renewed my face,
And when in sins and sorrows bowed,
Revived my soul with grace.

Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
For O, eternity's too short
To utter all thy praise.

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 118:24

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;
All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: Let us praise the LORD.
All: The LORD’s name be praised.

⬆ **Hymn 1** All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Trinity Hymnal*

⬆ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

⬆ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Eternal God,
 our Judge and Redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
 for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
 and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
 and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
 and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy,
 forgive our sins
 and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
 and obey your commandments.
Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

⬆ **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

Isaiah 58 (p. 617)

⬆ **Hymn 163** At the Name of Jesus

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon Text: Philippians 2:1–11 (p.980)

Confronting the Sovereign Self:

Knowing Right from Wrong

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like you there is no other,
True delight is found in you alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom;
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom;
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong Defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on your shoulders,
In my place you suffered, bled, and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered,
You broke the bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to your name.
May all my days bring glory to your name.

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, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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 Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
 (congregation stands on last verse)

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus
O sing, Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing, Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing, Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing, Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death.

Continues...

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
“Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing, Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing, Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death. (Repeat chorus.)

⬆ **The Benediction**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Philippians 2:1–11

Confronting the Sovereign Self: Knowing Right from Wrong

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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The theme for the 2023 Thank Offering is Countless Gifts of Love. Through this offering, we support the work of Worldwide Outreach of the OPC. This includes the important work of Christian Education, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions.

This week's video features the work of Home Missions and Church extension. Go to opc.org to learn about the church plant in Zeeland, Michigan and to hear from Rev. Charles Biggs about his work as the Regional Home Missionary in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

“People have poured themselves into us [as a church plant] and we recognize this is a gift, so we want to do what we can locally and within our denomination to see Christ’s kingdom progress.” — Rev. Mike Schout

“The Thank Offering goes to exalt the Father through the beauty, glory, majesty, and kindness of the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit.” —Rev. Charles Biggs



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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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