

# 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 Pam Mayo
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# Reflection

## Reflection Quotes

There are very few who in their hearts do not believe in God, but what they will not do is give him exclusive right of way.

— Dwight L. Moody  
American evangelist (1837–99)

Don't worry about the future — worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.

— François Fenelon  
French theologian (1651–1715)

Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God's love is still working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out his wonderful plan of love.

— Eric Liddell  
*The Disciplines of the Christian Life*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Psalm 110

Jehovah to my Lord has said,  
“Sit Thou at My right hand  
Until I make Thy foes a stool  
Whereon Thy feet may stand.”  
Jehovah shall from Zion send  
The scepter of Thy power.  
In battle with Thine enemies  
Be Thou the conqueror.

A willing people in Thy day  
Of power shall come to Thee.  
Thy youth arrayed in holiness  
Like morning dew shall be.  
Jehovah swore, and from His oath  
He never will depart:  
“Of th’order of Melchizedek  
A priest Thou ever art.”

The Lord at Thy right hand shall smite  
Earth’s rulers in His wrath.  
Among the nations He shall judge;  
The slain shall fill His path.  
In many lands He’ll overthrow  
Their kings with ruin dread;  
And, marching, He’ll drink from the brook  
And so lift up His head.

# 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!** *Psalms 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 Psalms 117

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

**All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

⬆ **Hymn 75**      O Father, You Are Sovereign *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

Psalm 66:16–20

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
I cried to him with my mouth,  
and high praise was on my tongue.  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!

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

Eternal and merciful God,  
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,  
and you have set us on paths of righteousness  
for your name's sake.  
Yet we have strayed from your way;  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone.  
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace  
we praise you and give you thanks  
that you forgive us yet again.  
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,  
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8–13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear 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

Psalm 110 (p. 509)

## ⬆ Hymn 125    Let All Things Now Living

*Trinity Hymnal*

**Sermon Text:** Luke 24 (p. 884)

*Confronting the Sovereign Self:  
Hope for a Better Tomorrow*

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of



our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and

said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road,  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me.  
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He has sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait His day, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;  
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

*My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I cannot fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all*

## 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

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound,  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

### ***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**                      Come, My Soul, and Bless the Lord  
                                      (*congregation stands on last verse*)

Come, my soul, and bless the Lord,  
All within me bless his name!  
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord;  
And forget not all his grace:  
All your sins the Lord forgives,  
All your sicknesses he heals.  
He redeems you from the pit;  
His compassion he reveals.

He will crown you with his love,  
With his tender mercies true,  
And he fills your life with good;  
Like the eagle, youth renews.  
God, the righteous judge, defends  
All oppressed and broken ones,  
Showing Moses all his ways  
And his deeds to Israel's sons.

For the Lord is slow to wrath,  
Full of mercy, full of grace.  
He abounds in steadfast love,  
Will not chide for endless days.  
God will not retain his wrath,  
He will not repay our sins;  
He will never deal with us  
As our wickedness demands.

*Continues...*



As the heav'ns are high above  
All the earth which God has made,  
So to those who fear the Lord  
Is his lovingkindness great.  
Far as east is from the west,  
He removes so far from us  
In his great, abounding love,  
All our guilt and wickedness.

As a father shows his love  
Unto all his children dear,  
So the Lord displays his love  
To those trusting him in fear.  
He remembers we are dust,  
And our feeble frame he knows.  
As for man, his days are like  
Tender grass that quickly grows.

So man flourishes and thrives  
Like a growing meadow flow'r.  
When the wind blows, it is gone,  
And its place is known no more.  
But the steadfast love of God,  
Shown to those who fear his name,  
Is from all eternity  
To eternity the same.

His unfailing righteousness  
Shall to children's children be,  
To the ones who cov'nant keep  
And his good commandments heed.  
God the Lord has set his throne;  
In the heavens it shall stand,  
And his sov'reign kingdom rules  
Over all at his command.

*Continues...*

Bless the Lord, you angel hosts,  
Mighty ones who do his word,  
Who obey his voice and word;  
All his servants, bless the Lord!  
All his hosts who do his will,  
All his works in all his world  
Bless the Lord in ev'ry place.  
Come, my soul, and bless the Lord.

## ⬆ **The Benediction**

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⬆ Congregation stands as able

# Sermon Notes

Luke 24

*Confronting the Sovereign Self: Hope for a Better Tomorrow*

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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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