

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



31 December 2023

*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

Worship

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Reflection

Thomas More said, “If ye make indentures with God how much ye will serve Him, ye shall find ye have signed both of them yourself.” Law, in his terrible, cool voice, said, “Many will be rejected at the last day, not because they have taken no time and pains about their salvation, but because they have not taken time and pain enough”; ... “If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God, it will make in the end no difference what you have chosen instead.” Those are hard words to take. Will it really make no difference whether it was women or patriotism, cocaine or art, whisky or a seat in the Cabinet, money or science? Well, surely no difference that matters. We shall have missed the end for which we are formed and rejected the only thing that satisfies. Does it matter to a man dying in a desert, by which choice of route he missed the only well?

— C.S. Lewis
The Weight of Glory
“A Slip of the Tongue”, para. 11, p. 131

Many who plan to seek God at the eleventh hour die at 10:30.

— Author unknown

Die before you die. There is no chance after.

— C.S. Lewis
Till We Have Faces
Part 2, Ch. 2, p. 279

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

I Am Not Skilled to Understand

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at his right hand
Is One who is my Savior!

I take him at his word indeed:
“Christ died for sinners,” this I read;
And in my heart I find the need
Of him to be my Savior!

That he should leave his throne on high
And come for sinful man to die,
You count it strange? So once did I,
Before I knew my Savior!

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring:
That he who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior!
That he who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior!

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 66

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
All: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”

⬆ **Hymn 76** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Trinity Hymnal*

⬆ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

⬆ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”

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

As we close out this year past
and claim the year ahead, our Father,
we confess to you those pieces of the past
that persist in pulling us backward.
By admitting our failures and sharing our sin,
we long to put away those things
that nibble and nag, de-energize and depress.
With boldness centered on Christ, then,
and with a certain measure of shame,
we admit to squandering our time and talent,
our good intentions and better ideas,
and so many opportunities for growth and occasions for grace.
We admit that we have most often taken care of ourselves
while others have stood in line.
We have defined our interests carefully and our goals precisely,
using energy and expertise gainfully
to the detriment of family, friends, community, and church.
We agonize with memories that sit heavily
and images that cause us to blush.
So, we ask that you would grant us your forgiveness
as we confess our individual regrets and remorse in silence...
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 1:3–5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⬆ **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

Luke 12:1–34 (p. 871)

▲ Hymn My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

My Shepherd, You supply my need,
most holy is Your name;
in pastures fresh You make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back.
when I forsake Your ways;
You lead me, for Your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,
Your presence is my stay;
one word of Your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
Your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,
attend me all my days;
oh, may Your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

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but like a child at home.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 28:16 (p. 656), Hebrews 9:27 (p. 1006)

This Year, You Shall Die

Jeremiah 28:16

“Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have uttered rebellion against the LORD.’”

Hebrews 9:27

It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 546** The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Trinity Hymnal

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

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,
O my soul, O my soul,
When I was sinking down, O my soul,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

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

Hymn 691

It Is Well with My Soul
(congregation stands on last verse)

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Jeremiah 28:16, Hebrews 9:27

This Year, You Shall Die

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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