

# 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>	MJ Canales Paula Ea
<b>Worship</b>	Susan Chaplin Amanda Grimes Lori Peterson

# Reflection

He's not going to applaud us for becoming famous in our lifetimes; he's going to ask us how we used our spotlight to bring him glory. He's not going to ask us how many awards and trophies we have received; he's going to ask us how we used our gifts to build the body of Christ.

— Tessa Emily Hall

The temple of God is the holy people in Jesus Christ. The body of Christ is the living temple of God and of the new humanity.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I do not think the devil cares how many churches you build, if you only have lukewarm preachers and people in them.

— Charles H. Spurgeon

# **We Prepare to Meet with God**

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## **Prelude**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and suffering.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only him.

# 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 57:7–10

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!  
I will sing and make melody!  
**All: Awake, my glory!**  
**Awake, O harp and lyre!**  
**I will awake the dawn!**  
Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
**All: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,**  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

▲ **Psalm 122**                      God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory      *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 1:1–2

Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.

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

Gracious and merciful Father,  
    we come to you in humble contrition,  
because we have lived to be served,  
    rather than serving those in need.  
We have bragged of our abilities  
    instead of offering them,  
and we have used our talents for gain,  
    rather than providing them as gifts.  
We have counted ourselves the greatest,  
    rather than serving those Christ called the least.  
We have buried what we were given, fearing the worst,  
    rather than opening our gifts for the betterment of all,  
while trusting in the promise of love.

Please forgive us, Father, and magnify Christ,  
    that we may again see his exceeding worth,  
and live as we ought, to the glory of his name,  
    which you have given him above all names.  
We pray these things for his sake. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21–23

Remember these things, O Jacob,  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you; you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,  
and will be glorified in Israel.

## ⬆ 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 8 (p. 450)

## ✠ 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.

## ✠ Hymn 163

At the Name of Jesus

*Trinity Hymnal*

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. <sup>20</sup> For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope therefore to send him just as soon as

I see how it will go with me, <sup>24</sup>and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

<sup>25</sup>I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, <sup>26</sup>for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. <sup>27</sup>Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup>I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. <sup>29</sup>So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, <sup>30</sup>for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

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.**

# God Commissions and Blesses Us

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## The Collection of Alms and Tithes

### Hymn

### My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own;  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name;  
In win or lose; in pride and shame.  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other;  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die;  
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other;  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

Two wonders here that I confess:  
My worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed— my ransom paid  
At the cross.

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Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other;  
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## ⬆ **The Benediction**

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# Sermon Notes

Philippians 2  
*Together in Christ*

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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