

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	Wendy Eudy Mia Lawrenz Tegan Thacker

Reflection

There is nothing in this world that can compare with the Christian fellowship; nothing that can satisfy but Christ.

— John D. Rockefeller

When we speak of faith — the faith that can move mountains — we are not speaking of faith in general but of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

— Russell M. Nelson

God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

— Augustine of Hippo

Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.

— Francis of Assisi

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
All: Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!
All: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Leader: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

▲ **Psalm 98** Now Thank We All Our God *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 45:21d–23

“There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.’”

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

Father in heaven,
we behave as though this world is all that there is.
Our inability to comprehend eternity
can be seen in our preoccupation with creaturely pleasure.
We, like Esau, have traded infinite value
for the equivalent of a bowl of stew.
We are quicker to pursue earthly gain
than to have our eternal accounts reconciled to you in Christ.

Forgive us, Father, we humbly pray,
and refocus our desires on you.
Let us not wonder about the contents of the scroll,
but rather let us marvel at the one
who is fit to break its seven seals.
We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Luke 7:48–50

[Jesus] said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

⬆ **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

2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (p. 970)

✠ 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 One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,
And all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God.
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.
The measure of my worth is His love alone.
He declares my standing, and He declares my state,
So I will know myself by the name He gave.

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

I am not my own and now my heart is free;
O Maker, come and make what You will of me.
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the

gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn

And Can It Be

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!*

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**

⬆ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

Philippians 4
Christ is All That Matters

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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