

# 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>	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
<b>Worship</b>	Allie Carpenter Wendy Eudy Lori Peterson

# Reflection

No task will be so sordid and base, provided you obey your calling in it, that it will not shine and be reckoned very precious in God's sight.

— John Calvin

In God's sight, it is actually faith that makes a person holy; it alone serves God, while our works serve people.

— Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*

The question is not whether we should bring God into our work or not. We certainly should and must: as MacDonald says, "All that is not God is death."

— C. S. Lewis

*A Severe Mercy*

Letter to Sheldon Vanauken, 8 January 1951

The church's influence on society is best described in terms of reform rather than redemption.

— John Stott

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

1 Peter 1:8–9

Though we have not seen him, we love him,  
and even though we don't see him now,  
we believe in him.

And we rejoice with an inexpressible and glorious joy,  
for we are receiving the goal of our faith,  
the salvation of our souls.

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We love him,  
We love him,  
We believe in him,  
We rejoice.

# 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 104:1, 33*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**All: O LORD my God, you are very great!**

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

♣ **Hymn 4**      All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above      *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

Hosea 14:1–3

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,  
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.  
Take with you words  
and return to the LORD;  
say to him, “Take away all iniquity;  
accept what is good,  
and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips.  
Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses;  
and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’ to the work of our hands.  
In you the orphan finds mercy.”

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

Lord God,  
we confess our sins before you today.  
We bemoan our innate tendency to do wrong.  
We repent of our many failings and shortcomings.  
We acknowledge that by nature we are prone to be idolatrous,  
prone to rely on our own works,  
prone to fail to recognize our helplessness and sinfulness.  
Forgive us for our misuse of work:  
our sloth as well as our compulsiveness,  
our discontent with work  
as well as our obsession with work,  
our failure to understand the significance of the calling  
that you have given us.  
Increase our joy and our faith as we look to him  
whose finished work on the cross  
redeems us from our fallen state.  
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

⤴ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Corinthians 15:56–58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

⤴ **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

Isaiah 55:1–3 (p. 615)  
Matthew 11:25–30 (p. 816)

▲ Hymn 92      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God      *Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 2:18–26 (p. 554)

*Searching for Satisfaction: Work*

<sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

<sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Psalm 128

*Trinity Psalter*



# 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

A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with your righteousness on,  
My person and offering to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began,  
The arm of his strength will complete;  
His promise is yea and amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now,  
Nor all things below or above,  
Can make him his purpose forgo,  
Or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands  
Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on his heart it remains,  
In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure,  
As sure as the earnest is given;  
More happy, but not more secure,  
The glorified spirits in heaven.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

“And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

### ***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

My Worth Is Not in What I Own  
(congregation stands on last verse)

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.*

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

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## ▲ **The Benediction**

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# Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 2:18–26

*Searching for Satisfaction: Work*

<b>HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>		
<b>Group Leader</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Meeting Day/Time</b>
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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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### Staff

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