

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	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
Worship	Susan Chaplin Amanda Grimes Evangeline Grimes

Reflection

Knowing that I am not the one in control gives great encouragement.
Knowing the One who is in control is everything.

— Alexander Michael

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.
I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because thou savest such.
Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage:
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

— John Bunyan

Next to faith this is the highest art — to be content with the calling in which God has placed you. I have not learned it yet.

— Martin Luther

Number one, God brought me here. It is by His will that I am in this place. In that fact I will rest.

Number two, He will keep me here in His love and give me grace to behave as His child.

Number three, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends for me to learn and working in me the grace He means to bestow.

Number four, in His good time He can bring me out again. How and when, He knows. So let me say I am here.

— Andrew Murray

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Lord, We Lie before Thy Feet

Lord, we lie before thy feet,
Look on all our deep distress;
Thy rich mercy may we meet.
Clothe us with thy righteousness,
Stretch forth thy Almighty hand,
Hold us up, and we shall stand.

O that closer we could cleave
To thy bleeding, dying breast!
Give us firmly to believe,
And to enter into rest,
Lord, increase, increase our faith,
Make us faithful unto death.

Make thy mighty wonders known,
Let us see thy suff'rings plain;
Let us hear thee sigh and groan,
Till we sigh and groan again,
Rend, O rend the veil between;
Open wide the awful scene.

Let us trust thee evermore,
Ev'ry moment on thee call,
For new life, new will, new power,
Let us trust thee, Lord, for all;
May we nothing know beside
Jesus, and him crucified.

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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:23–24

Leader: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

**All: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

Leader For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,

**All: and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

✦ **Psalm 46**

Trinity Psalter (First Version)

✦ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

✦ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Exodus 14:10–12

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly.

And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

Leader: When things look bleak, how quickly do we accuse God of deserting us!

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

We bow before you, great Triune God,
bemoaning and confessing our sins.

We have cried out to you,
not in faith and utter dependence,
but in grumbling and railing.

Unable to see what you see
or to understand what you have done and are doing,
we have despaired of our destiny,
questioned your wise providence,
and believed that we would be better off on our own.

We have scorned your precious salvation,
choosing instead to rely on our paltry works
and our imagined righteousness.

We cry out to you now in contrition,
believing in your loving goodness,
trusting your perfect wisdom,
and clinging to the cross of Christ,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Forgive us for his sake
and increase our faith in him.

In his name we pray. Amen.

⤴ Declaration of Forgiveness

Exodus 14:13–14

And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

Leader: God delivered his people from bondage to the Egyptians in what was the redemptive event *par excellence* in the Old Testament. In Jesus Christ, he delivers his people from our greater bondage to sin and to death.

If you trust in this Christ alone for your salvation and your right relationship with God, then the Scripture tells us that indeed your sins are forgiven forevermore!

⤴ 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 22:39–46 (p. 882)
Hebrews 5:5–10 (p. 1003)

⤴ Hymn 9

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1–15 (p. 554)

*You're Not God... Thank God **He Is***

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- ² a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- ⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³ also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

¹⁴ I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

Prayer of Intercession

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

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow down all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness
to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

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

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn

Forever Jesus
(congregation stands on last verse)

My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus:
My firm foundation in shifting sands.
My strength and hope through many fears and failures,
The disappointments of the past;
His constant love has held me fast.

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

My song of joy shall be forever Jesus
Who bore my suffering, who made a way.
His life a gift, His death a precious ransom
That wipes the sinner's guilt away,
And turns our night to glorious day.

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

My final breath shall be forever Jesus
When shadows lengthen before my eyes.
My Lord and Friend, Companion through the valley
When dearest ones are left behind,
His hand will lead me to the light.

Continues...

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

*When I meet His gaze I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
All my sorrows past, I am home at last
with my King, forever Jesus.
With my King, forever Jesus.*

▲ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 3:1–15

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HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
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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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