

# 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

**Worship**

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# Reflection

The eternal quest of the individual human being  
is to shatter his loneliness.

— Norman Cousins

We cannot live only for ourselves.

A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.

— Herman Melville

We have all known the long loneliness  
and we have learned that the only solution is love  
and that love comes with community.

— Dorothy Day

It is better to be in association with others and to enjoy things in common than to be a solitary miser who only cares about himself and grabs things for himself alone. In society there is mutual help, common work, [and] common solace.

— Martin Luther

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Psalm 133

Behold how very good it is,  
A pleasant thing to see;  
When brothers join to live as one  
In peace and unity!

Yes, it is like the precious oil  
Poured out upon the head,  
Which, running down from Aaron's beard,  
Upon his garments spread.

It is as though Mount Hermon's dew  
On Zion's hills descends;  
For there the Lord bestowed the gift  
Of life that never ends.

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

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 107:1-2*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble.**

▲ **Hymn 53** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *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

Micah 7:5–6

Put no trust in a neighbor;  
    have no confidence in a friend;  
guard the doors of your mouth  
    from her who lies in your arms;  
for the son treats the father with contempt,  
    the daughter rises up against her mother,  
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
    a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

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

Almighty Lord, King of Creation—  
    you who crown us with goodness  
    and whose steadfast love endures forever—  
we come to you confessing that we are sinners.  
We acknowledge that  
    we have been traitorous, disloyal, and uncaring.  
We have daily betrayed each other,  
    and we have daily betrayed you.  
We who have been shown so much mercy  
    have failed to show it to others.  
We who owe such an infinite debt of love  
    have refused to love even those to whom we are closest.

Forgive us, merciful God.  
We pray that the gospel of our Lord Jesus,  
    who is the true Friend who sticks closer than a brother,  
    the faithful Bridegroom who loves us to the end,  
will imbue our hearts and minds  
    with the joy of godly friendship.  
In his name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

## ⬆ **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**

John 15:1–17 (p. 901)

## ⬆ **Hymn 353** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 4:7–12 (p. 555)

*One is the Loneliest Number*

<sup>7</sup> Again, I saw vanity under the sun: <sup>8</sup> one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, “For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?” This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

<sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 421**    Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness    *Trinity Hymnal*



# 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

One there is, above all others,  
well deserves the name of Friend;  
His is love beyond a brother's,  
costly, free, and knows no end.  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,  
could or would have shed his blood?  
But our Jesus died to have us  
reconciled in him to God.  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
Jesus is a friend in need.

When he lived on earth abas-ed,  
“Friend of sinners” was his name;  
Now above all glory rais-ed,  
He rejoices in the same;  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
and to all their wants attends.

Could we bear from one another  
what he daily bears from us?  
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother  
loves us though we treat him thus:  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
He accounts us brethren still.

*Continues...*

O for grace our hearts to soften!  
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
We, alas! forget too often  
what a Friend we have above;  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
We will love you as we ought.

Scripture Reading — During the cup

John 15:18–27

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

## ***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

Oh, How Good It Is  
(congregation stands on last verse)

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
are the fruit of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,  
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command  
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
for He dwells in the presence of his people. (Repeat)*

## ✠ The Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12  
*One is the Loneliest Number*

<b>HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</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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