

# 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 deeper that sorrow carves into your being the more joy you can contain. Is not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter's oven?

— Khalil Gibran  
American-Lebanese poet and artist

<sup>1</sup> The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

<sup>2</sup> To know wisdom and instruction,  
to understand words of insight,

<sup>3</sup> to receive instruction in wise dealing,  
in righteousness, justice, and equity;

<sup>4</sup> to give prudence to the simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the youth —

<sup>5</sup> Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,

<sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

— Proverbs 1:1–7

Let a righteous man strike me — it is a kindness;  
let him rebuke me — it is oil for my head;  
let my head not refuse it.

— Psalm 141:5

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,  
Heav'nward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou would'st have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.

# 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 69:30–33*

Leader: I will praise the name of God with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

**All: This will please the LORD more than an ox  
or a bull with horns and hoofs.**

Leader: When the humble see it they will be glad;  
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

**All: For the LORD hears the needy  
and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.**

▲ **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

1 Peter 2:18–20

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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

Lord God,

we acknowledge that we are sinners.

In the midst of suffering,

we have sinned against you and against each other.

We are guilty of having hard hearts, stiff necks,

stubborn wills and grumbling, slanderous mouths.

We have been ungrateful, proud and contentious.

We confess that we have

railed against your wise providence,

kicked and flailed at each other,

been blind to the needs of others,

all because of our self-absorption, self-pity,

self-righteousness and self-promotion.

We pray for mercy, for forgiveness, for heavenly wisdom.

Give us endurance, character, hope and love,

for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who humbled himself for our sake

and died for our sins.

In his name we pray. Amen.

## ▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## ▲ *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**

2 Corinthians 4:7–5:5 (p. 965)

▲ **Hymn 156**    O Lord, How Shall I Meet You                      *Trinity Hymnal*

**Preaching of the Word**

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 7:1–14 (p. 556)

*The Advantage of Pain and Suffering*

**Prayer of Intercession**

▲ **Hymn 691**    It Is Well with My Soul                                      *Trinity Hymnal*

**Reception of New Members**

Philip and Hannah, Louis, Helen, Charlotte, Martin and Oliver.

**Baptism of covenant children:**

Louis, Helen, Charlotte, Martin and Oliver.



## 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

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
*O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)*  
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,  
*and live alone by mercy. (And live alone by mercy.)*  
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Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
my comfort, and my sweet support;  
*I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)*  
*I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)*

What though I wait the livelong night,  
and till the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed;  
*and wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)*  
*and wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)*

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
his grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free  
*from all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)*  
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If we have been united with [Christ] in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### ***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 311**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed     *Trinity Hymnal*  
(congregation stands on last verse)

## ✠ The Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 7:1–14

*The Advantage of Pain and Suffering*

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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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