

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

Susan Chaplin
Mia Lawrenz
Lori Peterson

Reflection

The astonishing thing is that people can become religious without being converted. That is, they join churches and start reading the Bible and doing religious things with no change in the foundation of their happiness: It is still themselves. They are the ground of their joy...

One of the most important discoveries I have ever made is this truth: God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in him...

The essence of faith is being satisfied with all that God is for us in Jesus.

— John Piper

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone,
My rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes,
And I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
And lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to Him who hears me.

Refrain

*O praise Him, hallelujah,
my Delight and my Reward.
Everlasting, never failing:
My Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come, and riches go,
Don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven.

Refrain

I'll set my gaze on God alone,
And trust in Him completely,
With ev'ry day pour out my soul;
And He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too deep to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death,
And I am His forever.

Refrain

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 62:5–8

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**All: He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**All: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

▲ **Hymn 57** Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Job 42:1–4, 6

Then Job answered the Lord and said:
“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

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

God of all wisdom,
we confess our sins before you today.
Your ways are higher than our ways,
and your thoughts than our thoughts;
yet we have presumed against you,
relying on our paltry knowledge
and our tenuous, earth-bound wisdom
to pronounce, pre-judge and pontificate.
We have delighted in man-made prescriptions
and idolatrous systems.
We have scorned your gospel of grace
by boasting in ourselves, deluding ourselves,
glorifying ourselves and attempting to justify ourselves.

We repent of our pride
and acknowledge our helplessness before you.
Break us, we pray,
so that we may be made whole in Christ.
Strip us bare,
so that we may seek to be clothed
only in the righteousness of our Savior.
Humble us,
so that we may boast only in his cross.

And forgive and restore us, merciful Father,
that we may live to the praise of Christ's glory,
in whom are hidden
all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
In his name we pray. Amen.

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Corinthians 1:28–30

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

▲ **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

1 Corinthians 1:18–2:13 (p. 952)

▲ **Hymn 170** Fairest Lord Jesus

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 7:13–19 (p. 556)

The Third Way of the Gospel

¹³ Consider the work of God:

who can make straight what he has made crooked?

¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

¹⁵ In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing. ¹⁶ Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself? ¹⁷ Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time? ¹⁸ It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them.

¹⁹ Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road,
He holds me that I cannot fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I cannot fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

*My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I cannot fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.*

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

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
e'en then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me—
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice;
Now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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 705 I Know Whom I Have Believed *Trinity Hymnal*
(congregation stands on last verse)

⤴ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 7:13–19

The Third Way of the Gospel

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
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Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Ea's home Fridays at 6:30–8:00 p.m.
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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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