

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

Mikaelan Martinez
Pamela Mayo
Angela Padilla

Reflection

The great similarity shared by both governed and government is that sinful man resides in both.

— Reed R. Heustis, Jr.
Christian Constitutionalist.com

The Democrats are the party that says government will make you smarter, taller, richer, and remove the crabgrass on your lawn. The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work and then they get elected and prove it.

— P. J. O'Rourke
humorist commentator

On the whole, human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.

— George Orwell

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died,
Heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he will stay
Close beside me all the way;
If I love him, when I die
He will take me home on high.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

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 118:1, 14, 24, 28–29

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

**All: The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

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

✠ **Psalm 46**

Trinity Psalter

✠ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

✠ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 7:14–15, 18–19, 24

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing... Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

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

Our great and gracious God,
 you are our Rock and our Redeemer,
 our refuge and our strength.
There is no shadow of turning in you.
Your promises are sure,
 your word is eternally true,
 your power to save and keep us
 is infinitely and absolutely trustworthy.

But we ourselves are not trustworthy.
We have proven, this past week and throughout our lives,
 that we are unreliable, sinful, weak, and double-minded.
We acknowledge that we have sinned,
 and that we have no ability of our own to stop sinning.
We confess that all power to save, to cleanse, to renew,
 and to sanctify lies in you alone.

Forgive us for forgetting this,
 and for trying to reform ourselves in our own strength.
Forgive us for failing you and each other in countless ways,
 for being blind to the corruption of our own hearts,
 for neglecting your means of grace.
Grant us the joy of your salvation as we look to Jesus,
 the founder and perfecter of our faith,
 who died on the cross that we might have life in him.
In his name we pray. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

▲ 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

Ephesians 1 (p. 976)

▲ Hymn 463 A Debtor to Mercy Alone

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.

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 7:19–29 (p. 557)

A Man You Can Trust

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

²⁰ Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

²¹ Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. ²² Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

²³ All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, “I will be wise,” but it was far from me. ²⁴ That which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out?

²⁵ I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness. ²⁶ And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her. ²⁷ Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things— ²⁸ which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found. ²⁹ See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

Prayer of Intercession

Baptism of covenant child

Anakin Ross Carpenter,
Son of Aaron and Allie Carpenter

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

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

Psalm 118:5–9, 14

Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

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 94

How Firm a Foundation

Trinity Hymnal

(congregation stands on last verse)

▲ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 7:19–29

A Man You Can Trust

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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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