

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



22 September 2024

*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	MJ Canales Mikaelan Martinez Pamela Mayo

Reflection

The fact that Jesus will sit upon the throne of judgment will be the consternation of his enemies and the consolation of his people.

— John Murray
20th-c. Scottish-American theologian

There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.

— Josh Billings
19th-c. American author

Time shall be no more when judgment comes, and when time is no more, change is impossible.

— Charles Spurgeon
19th-c. English preacher

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

You, Lord, Are the Portion

You, Lord, are the portion that I long for,
I have pledged obedience to your word.
I with all my heart have sought your favor;
Grant me grace, as you have promised, Lord.

When I search my ways and all my conduct,
Then I turn my footsteps to your way.
I make haste to follow your commandments;
I will hurry and will not delay.

Though the wicked tie me up with bindings,
I do not forget your holy law.
E'en at midnight I will rise to praise you,
For your rules are righteous, O my God.

Those who fear you are my best companions,
All who keep your precepts and your ways.
Lord, the earth is full of your great mercy,
Teach me all your righteous laws, I pray.

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 103:1-4

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**All: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

▲ **Hymn 6** O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Daniel 9:4–5

O Lord,
the great and awesome God,
who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,
we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and rules.

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

Gracious and merciful Father,
we have taken your patience for license,
and we have dismissed your grace
in pursuit of error.
We have forgotten that your word is sure,
and we have ignored your dire warnings
about your coming and certain judgement.

Please set our hearts and minds afresh
on the things against which there is no law,
and on the beauty and love which stir up obedience,
springing from joy and genuine gratitude.
Let not our hearts grow weary with the passage of time,
and again bring to our remembrance the cross,
where Jesus defeated sin for all time.
Let him, who is our only hope,
be our guard against lethargy,
our drive to act when unsure,
and our prize when you call us home.
We pray all of these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalms 130:7–8

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

⤴ **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

Matthew 24:36–51 (p. 830)

⤴ **Hymn 567** Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Mr. Brandon Luter

Sermon Text: 2 Peter 3:1–13 (p. 1019) *When the Cuffs Come Out*

¹ This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Prayer of Intercession

✠ Hymn 569 Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory

Trinity Hymnal

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

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,
When I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to
fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill,
And songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
And with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand;
Be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
But those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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

His Mercy Is More
(congregation stands on last verse)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

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▲ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

2 Peter 3:1–13

When the Cuffs Come Out

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS		
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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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