

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



29 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	MJ Canales Paula Ea
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Reflection

There will be no end to the troubles of states, or of humanity itself, till philosophers become kings in this world, or till those we now call kings and rulers really and truly become philosophers, and political power and philosophy thus come into the same hands.

— Plato

The only safe ruler is he who has learned to obey willingly.

— Thomas à Kempis
15th-c. devotional writer

I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are wise and very beautiful; but I have never read in either of them: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden.”

— Augustine of Hippo
5th-c. theologian

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine.

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

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:18–19

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!**

Leader: Amen and Amen!

▲ **Hymn 2** O Worship the King *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 6:5

And I said, “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

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

Lord God,

as we glimpse your glory and your holiness,
we are driven to our knees to confess our sinfulness.

We are indeed unclean;

our lips and our minds spew falsehood and folly.

We have failed to crown you as King of our lives.

We have been arrogant,

glorying in our self-righteousness
and trusting in ourselves.

We have been foolish:

with our understanding blunted by our sins,
we have ignored and rejected your perfect wisdom,
choosing to believe the lies of the world
and the lies in our own hearts.

Forgive us, Father, and make us whole in Christ.

In your mercy cleanse us.

Cause us to submit joyfully to our perfect King,

who defeated sin on the cross
and is now restoring all things to himself.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 6:6–7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

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 16:13–7:8 (p. 822)

▲ **Hymn 164** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *Trinity Hymnal*

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 10 (p. 558)

Wisdom, and Where to Find It

¹ Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench;
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

² A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the left.

³ Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense,
and he says to everyone that he is a fool.

⁴ If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place,
for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.

⁵ There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error
proceeding from the ruler: ⁶ folly is set in many high places, and
the rich sit in a low place. ⁷ I have seen slaves on horses, and
princes walking on the ground like slaves.

⁸ He who digs a pit will fall into it,
and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.

⁹ He who quarries stones is hurt by them,
and he who splits logs is endangered by them.

¹⁰ If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge,
he must use more strength,
but wisdom helps one to succeed.

- ¹¹ If the serpent bites before it is charmed,
there is no advantage to the charmer.
- ¹² The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.
- ¹³ The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,
and the end of his talk is evil madness.
- ¹⁴ A fool multiplies words,
though no man knows what is to be,
and who can tell him what will be after him?
- ¹⁵ The toil of a fool wearies him,
for he does not know the way to the city.
- ¹⁶ Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,
and your princes feast in the morning!
- ¹⁷ Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility,
and your princes feast at the proper time,
for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- ¹⁸ Through sloth the roof sinks in,
and through indolence the house leaks.
- ¹⁹ Bread is made for laughter,
and wine gladdens life,
and money answers everything.
- ²⁰ Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king,
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,
for a bird of the air will carry your voice,
or some winged creature tell the matter.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn

Do Not Fret on Account of the Wicked (*Psalm 37*)

Do not fret on account of the wicked,
do not envy the ones who do wrong;
for like grass they will very soon wither,
like green plants they will not flourish long.
Put your trust in the Lord and be upright;
then secure in the land you will live.
Take delight in the Lord above all things—
the desires of your heart he will give.

Let your way to the Lord be committed;
trust in him—he will do what is right.
He brings righteousness forth as the morning,
and his justice as bright noonday light.
So be silent and seek the Lord's presence,
and be patient until he replies;
do not fret when you see those who prosper
if their schemes are promoted through lies.

Do not fret, it leads only to evil;
hold your temper and stay far from wrath,
for the wicked will certainly perish,
while the godly inherit the earth.
Yet awhile and the wicked will vanish;
though you search, they will never be found.
But the land will belong to the humble,
and their welfare and peace will abound.

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

Hymn — During the bread Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

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

Psalm 110

Trinity Psalter

(congregation stands on last verse)

✠ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 10

Wisdom, and Where to Find It

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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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