

# 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

<b>Sunday School</b>	Paula Ea MJ Canales
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# Reflection

There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.

— John Calvin  
Sermon Number 10 on 1 Corinthians

The Bible talks plentifully about joy, but it nowhere talks about a “happy Christian.” Happiness depends on what happens; joy does not. Remember, Jesus Christ had joy, and He prays “that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.”

— Oswald Chambers  
*Joy and Peace: A Holy Condition*

All joy (as distinct from mere pleasure, still more amusement) emphasizes our pilgrim status; always reminds, beckons, awakens desire. Our best havings are wantings.

— C. S. Lewis  
*Letters of C. S. Lewis*

Joy was created to dance with goodness, not alone.

— Derek Kidner  
20<sup>th</sup>-c. English Old Testament scholar

There is a joy which is not given to the ungodly, but to those who love You (O God) for Your own sake, whose joy You Yourself are. And this is the happy life, to rejoice to You, of You, for You; this it is, and there is no other.

— Augustine of Hippo  
*Confessions*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## Shepherd of Tender Youth

Shepherd of tender youth,  
guiding in love and truth  
through winding ways:  
Christ, our triumphant King,  
we come your name to sing;  
here we our children bring  
to shout your praise.

You are our holy Lord,  
the all-subduing Word,  
healer of strife:  
you did yourself abase,  
that from sin's deep disgrace  
your might now save our race,  
and give us life.

You are the great High Priest,  
you have prepared the feast  
of heav'nly love:  
while in our mortal pain,  
none calls on you in vain:  
help you do not disdain,  
help from above.

Forever be our Guide,  
our Shepherd and our pride,  
our staff and song:  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
by your enduring Word,  
lead us where you have trod;  
make our faith strong.

So now and till we die,  
sound we your praises high,  
and joyful sing:  
infants, and the glad throng  
who to your church belong,  
unite to swell the song  
to Christ our King.

# 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 98:4–6*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**All: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

▲ **Hymn 1** All People That on Earth Do Dwell *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

Job 20:4–5

Do you not know this from old,  
since man was placed on earth,  
that the exulting of the wicked is short,  
and the joy of the godless but for a moment?

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

Our God and Father,  
we confess our sins before you today  
We acknowledge that our hearts and minds,  
corrupted by our fallen state,  
are unable to meet the perfect standard of your holy law.  
We have refused to realize  
that you are the only true source of joy.  
We have often looked for joy in all the wrong places,  
envying the exulting of our godless neighbors,  
and failing to realize that it is a pitiful, anguished cry for help.  
We have often basked in our own joylessness,  
preferring self-pity and whining  
to the comforting and enlivening work  
of your Holy Spirit in our lives.

Father, forgive us and cleanse us.  
Enable us to repent, to be renewed, and to rejoice  
because of Christ our Savior,  
who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows on the cross  
and rose again to give us new life and lasting joy.  
In his name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:8–9

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## ⬆ *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**

Matthew 13:1–23 (p. 818)

## ⬆ **Hymn 163**    At the Name of Jesus

*Trinity Hymnal*



## Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 11:7–10 (p. 559) *Be Joyful!*

<sup>7</sup> Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

<sup>8</sup> So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

<sup>10</sup> Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

## Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 647** How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds *Trinity Hymnal*

# 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

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from His piercèd side;  
praise we Him whose love divine  
gives His sacred blood for wine,  
gives His body for the feast,  
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Him, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light;  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to Thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines  
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it to the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’  
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,  
and they shall languish no more.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,  
declares the LORD.”

## ***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 691**

It Is Well with My Soul  
*(congregation stands on last verse)*

*Trinity Hymnal*

#### **⤴ The Benediction**

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# Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 11:7–10

*Be Joyful!*

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

<b>Group Leader</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Meeting Day/Time</b>
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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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