

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

Sunday School	Paula Ea MJ Canales
Worship	Paula Ea Jessie Faulconer Mikaelan Martinez

Reflection

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

— Mark Twain

Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

— Malachy McCourt

Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.

— William Shakespeare

Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again.

— Augustine

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

O Love, that Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel its promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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 99:1–3

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!**

▲ **Hymn 122** God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 10:2–3

I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

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

Almighty God,
gracious beyond all measure,
we come to you now as your children
because we know we are broken and sinful
and need you so very much.
You are our Lord and King,
and you love us more than we can imagine.
Even knowing this, we still run from you
and try to live as if we don't need you.
We have broken our relationship with you
and have done things that have hurt you
and others and ourselves.
We have said ugly and mean words,
and acted in judgmental and arrogant ways.
We have been impatient and self-centered.

For all these sins, and more, we are sorry.
Please forgive us.
We repent and turn our faces toward you
to receive your love and forgiveness,
offered through your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Help us to live as those who have been blessed in Christ,
willing to give you our whole lives.
Thank you for never leaving us or forsaking us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:3–10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

▲ *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 18:21–35 (p. 823)

▲ Hymn 437 O God to Us Show Mercy

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Mr. Brandon Luter

Sermon Text: Romans 2:1–11 (p. 940)

Righteousness Prevails

¹ Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

Prayer of Intercession

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,
And all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God.
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

*I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.*

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.
The measure of my worth is His love alone.
He declares my standing, and He declares my state,
So I will know myself by the name He gave.

*I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.*

I am not my own and now my heart is free;
O Maker, come and make what You will of me.
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care.

*I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own.
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.*

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

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning your blood-stained brow.

Chorus

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life-
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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 460

Amazing Grace

Trinity Hymnal

(congregation stands on last verse)

▲ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Romans 2:1–11

Righteousness Prevails

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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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