

# 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



3 November 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

**Worship**

Jessie Faulconer

Chelsea Schleifer

Tegan Thacker

# Reflection

Taunting Death...means pitting oneself against a wily enemy who cannot lose.

— J. K. Rowling  
*The Tales of Beedle the Bard*

Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying.

— Martin Luther  
16<sup>th</sup>-c. Reformer

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou are with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

# 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: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. *Jude 2*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 105:1–4*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**All: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

♣ **Hymn 235** All Glory, Laud, and Honor *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

Psalm 49:7–12

Truly no man can ransom another,  
or give to God the price of his life,  
for the ransom of their life is costly  
and can never suffice,  
that he should live on forever  
and never see the pit.  
For he sees that even the wise die;  
the fool and the stupid alike must perish  
and leave their wealth to others.  
Their graves are their homes forever,  
their dwelling places to all generations,  
though they called lands by their own names.  
Man in his pomp will not remain;  
he is like the beasts that perish.

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

Our God and Father,  
we confess that we are sinners and that we have sinned.  
We have lived as fools,  
building larger and larger houses for our possessions  
while unmindful of the fact  
that our souls will soon be required of us  
and our wealth will belong to somebody else.  
We have lived as those who are enemies of the cross of Christ,  
whose end is destruction,  
whose god is their belly,  
who glory in their shame,  
whose minds are set on earthly things.  
We have been covetous, anxious,  
short-sighted, self-absorbed,  
and steeped in futility.  
We have been unmerciful, ungenerous, unloving, ungrateful,  
and unprepared for the storm clouds of life in our fallen state.

*Continues...*

We repent of these and other sins, Father,  
and we cry to you for mercy.  
Forgive us and cleanse us  
through Christ our Savior, the spotless Lamb  
who faced and conquered death on our behalf  
and now rules over us with perfect wisdom and love.  
In his name we pray. Amen.

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 1:18–21

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

▲ **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

Romans 8:18–39 (p. 944)

▲ **Hymn 706** Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

*Trinity Hymnal*

### Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

**Sermon Text:** Ecclesiastes 12:1–8 (p. 559)

*Be Godly!*

<sup>1</sup> Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; <sup>2</sup> before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, <sup>3</sup> in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, <sup>4</sup> and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— <sup>5</sup> they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— <sup>6</sup> before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, <sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. <sup>8</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn 546** The Sands of Time Are Sinking

*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

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and blood  
From thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death forever;  
and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people  
he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

***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 274

Thine Be the Glory  
(congregation stands on last verse)

*Trinity Hymnal*

## ⤴ The Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 12:1–8

*Be Godly!*

<b>HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>		
<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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