

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	MJ Canales Paula Ea
Worship	MJ Canales Amanda Grimes Evangeline Grimes

Reflection

Jesus is the answer to our broken relationship with God.

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— John 14:6

Jesus is the answer to our guilty consciences.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

— 1 John 1:9

Jesus is the answer to our broken relationships with each other.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups [Jews and Gentiles] one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you [Gentiles] who were far away and peace to those [Jews] who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ^{NIV}

— Ephesians 2:14–18

Jesus is the answer to a meaningless existence.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

— John 10:10

Jesus is the answer to our worries and doubts.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” ^{NIV}

— John 16:33

Jesus is the answer to the problems of the world.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called*

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,*

*to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

— Isaiah 9:6–7

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

— Revelation 21:3–5a

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Let us early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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 33:1-4

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

**All: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Leader: Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**All: For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

▲ **Hymn 59** Forever Settled in the Heavens *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 95:7b–11

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”
Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest.”

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

Triune God,
we hear your voice today.
We hear it in your proclaimed Word,
and we hear it because of Christ, the Word made flesh.
We pray that we will not harden our hearts;
and we confess that we are already guilty of doing just that.
We are a people who go astray in our hearts.
We are a people easily lured and distracted by other voices,
by images and idols,
by the desires of the flesh
and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions.
We acknowledge that we have not listened to
nor obeyed your voice with gladness, diligence, and faith.
We have scorned, neglected, avoided, twisted,
and attempted to drown out your Word.

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We now repent of our many sins and cry to you for forgiveness.

May your word soften our hearts and renew our minds.

May we find comfort and meaning only in him

who is the incarnate, holy, saving Word:

the one who lived among us and died in our place:

Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,

whose sprinkled blood speaks a better word

than the blood of Abel,

who alone has the words of eternal life

and who alone is the eternal Word of Life.

In his name we pray. Amen.

⤴ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Revelation 19:11–13

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of 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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

John 1:1–18 (p. 886); 10:14–18 (p. 896)

▲ Hymn 303

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Rev. John Canales

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 12:9–14 (p. 559)

The Answer to Everything

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 163

At the Name of Jesus

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

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

*My song of joy shall be forever Jesus
Who bore my suffering, who made a way.
His life a gift, His death a precious ransom
That wipes the sinner's guilt away,
And turns our night to glorious day.*

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

*My final breath shall be forever Jesus
When shadows lengthen before my eyes.
My Lord and Friend, Companion through the valley
When dearest ones are left behind,
His hand will lead me to the light.*

*So for all my days I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
Though the storms may rage he is strong to save.
He's the King, forever Jesus.*

*When I meet His gaze I will sing my praise
to the King, forever Jesus.
All my sorrows past, I am home at last
with my King, forever Jesus.
With my King, forever Jesus.*

▲ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes 12:9–14

The Answer to Everything

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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