

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	Whitney Hammaker Mia Lawrenz Mikaelan Martinez

Reflection

We never test the resources of God until we attempt the impossible.

— F. B. Meyer
British evangelist and pastor (1847–1929)

Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God's love is still working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out his wonderful plan of love.

— Eric Liddell
The Disciplines of the Christian Life

He who gives you the day will also give you the things necessary for the day.

— Gregory
in his sermon "The Lord's Prayer"

When once the light of Divine Providence has illumined the believer's soul, he is relieved and set free, not only from the extreme fear and anxiety which formerly oppressed him, but from all care. For as he justly shudders at the idea of chance, so he can confidently commit himself to God.

— John Calvin
Institutes of the Christian Religion

If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, his arm over us, his ear open to our prayer — his grace sufficient, his promise unchangeable.

— John Newton
in a letter to the Rev. Mr. R****

Worship and worry cannot live in the same heart; they are mutually exclusive.

— Ruth Bell Graham
in the *Today's Christian Woman* article "Heart to Heart"

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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 135:1–4

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**All: Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!**

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

**All: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.**

▲ **Hymn 75** O Father, You Are Sovereign *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 6:1–2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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

Dear Lord,

we have gathered this morning to worship and praise you.

You are, after all, our King; you are our Lord,

you are the One who created us and gave us life.

You never leave us.

You are always reaching out your hand to lift us up.

We praise you.

But we also come to confess our sins to you,

to open the hidden places of our hearts before you.

We confess that we forget that you love us more than anything

and that you call us to follow you alone.

We too often arrange our lives

around the idols of this world

and not around you.

We want what others have

or what they tell us to want.

We are afraid of rejection by the world,

forgetting that we already have your approval through Christ,

and that you are the only one we need to serve.

We look for love in ways

that will never bring us peace or lasting joy.

O Lord, please hear our confession,

for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died in our place.

We are sorry for our sin.

Please forgive us and cleanse us

with the blood of Christ.

We ask this in his precious name. Amen.

⤴ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 6:3–4

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⤴ **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

Isaiah 46:3–13 (p. 607)

▲ **Psalm 24**

Trinity Psalter

Preaching of the Word

Rev. David Boxerman

Sermon Text: Romans 11:33–36 (p. 947)

A Great Theology

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be
glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Psalm 115**

Trinity Psalter

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

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

Refrain:

*God of mercy! God of grace!
Give us eyes to see!
Eyes to see your smiling face
Within the mystery, within the mystery.*

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

Refrain

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

Refrain

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.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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 Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right
(congregation stands on last verse)

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road,
He holds me that I cannot fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I cannot fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.

*My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I cannot fall,
And so to Him I leave it all, and so to Him I leave it all.*

▲ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Romans 11:33–36

A Great Theology

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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