

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	Mary Jo Canales Paula Ea
Worship	Allie Carpenter Jessie Faulconer Wendy Eudy

Reflection

What can God have that gives him greater satisfaction than that a thousand times a day all his creatures should thus pause to withdraw and worship him in the heart.

— Brother Lawrence
The Practice of the Presence of God

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

— John Calvin
Institutes of the Christian Religion

It is a terrible thing to be grateful and have no one to thank, to be awed and have no one to worship.

— Philip Yancey
the article “Open Windows” in *Marriage Partnership* magazine

There are 256 names given in the Bible for the Lord Jesus Christ, and I suppose this was because he was infinitely beyond all that any one name could express.

— Billy Sunday
in his sermon “Wonderful”

[Jesus] became what we are that he might make us what he is.

— Athanasius
On the Incarnation

Christ is not valued at all, unless he is valued above all.

— Augustine of Hippo
Church Father (AD 354–430)

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Overall victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

***Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.***

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.

***Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.***

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully, all for us to do:
They who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

***Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.***

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 145:1–3, 18

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

▲ **Hymn 100** Holy, Holy, Holy! *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 6:1–5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

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

from the French Reformed liturgy

O Lord God!

Eternal and Almighty Father!

We confess before your Divine Majesty

that we are miserable sinners,

born in corruption and iniquity,

prone to evil,

and of ourselves incapable of any good.

We admit that we transgress your holy commandments

in so many ways,

so that we bring on ourselves condemnation and death,

through your righteous judgment.

Our sorrow for having offended you, O Lord, is deep and heartfelt,
and we implore your grace to relieve our wretchedness.

O most gracious God and merciful Father,

be pleased to show us compassion,

in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Continues...

Pardon our sins,
give us the spiritual graces of the Holy Spirit,
and increase them day by day;
to the end that,
as we wholeheartedly acknowledge our unworthiness,
and forsake our sins,
we may be filled with that godly sorrow
which works repentance unto salvation,
and may bring forth fruits of righteousness acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

▲ Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 6:6–7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

▲ 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

Revelation 4 (p. 1030)

▲ Hymn 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *Trinity Hymnal*

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood
you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Psalm 19:7–14**

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

Joyfully we join You at your table,
Pleading not our righteousness.
By your wealth of mercy, we are able
Now to feast in confidence.

Take this bread and eat.
Take this cup and drink.
Remember how He loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast.

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?
Who His sandals could untie?
Who are we that He would show us favor?
Granting us this gift of life.

Take this bread and eat.
Take this cup and drink.
Remember how He loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast.

Happy sign of friendship and reunion
With the blessed Three in One.
Foretaste of that glorious communion,
Vision of the world to come.

Take this bread and eat.
Take this cup and drink.
Remember how He loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast. (Repeat)

Remember how He loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast.

[God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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 297 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Trinity Hymnal*
(congregation stands on last verse)

⤴ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Revelation 5
A Great Doxology

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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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