

# 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

<b>Sunday School</b>	Paula Ea MJ Canales
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# Reflection

Incomprehensible and immutable is the love of God. For it was not after we were reconciled to him by the blood of his Son that he began to love us, but he loved us before the foundation of the world, that with his only begotten Son we too might be sons of God before we were any thing at all.

— Augustine of Hippo

Continue seeking Him with seriousness.

Unless he wanted you, you would not be wanting Him.

— C. S. Lewis  
private letter (13 June 1951)

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

Colossians 1:15–20

*Adapted by Stephen Dubberly*

He is the image of the invisible God,  
The firstborn over all creation.  
For all things were created by him:  
Created by him and for him.

He is before, he is before all things,  
And in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church;  
The beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him,  
And through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
By making peace through his blood,  
By making peace through his blood shed on the cross...  
On the cross... On the cross.

# 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: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord! *1 Timothy 1:2b*

**All: Amen.**

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 9:1-2*

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

**All: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

Minister: I will be glad and exult in you;

**All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

♣ **Hymn 76** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *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 130:1–4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

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

Merciful Father,  
we cry to you out of the depths.  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against each other.  
We have been prodigal, disobedient,  
ungrateful, rebellious children.  
We acknowledge that we have no standing before you  
except through the saving blood of our Lord Jesus.  
We now return to you in repentance,  
clinging to you alone for pardon, cleansing, and restoration.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
and pour out your grace in our lives.  
Through Christ our Savior and perfect Elder Brother. *Amen.*

▲ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 44:21–22

Remember these things, O Jacob,  
and Israel, for you are my servant;  
I formed you; you are my servant;  
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.  
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

▲ **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

Hosea 11:1–11 (p. 757)

## ▲ Hymn      How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give His only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss!  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders!  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished!  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should his suffering be my gain?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom!



<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a

young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

## Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn      One There Is, above All Others

One there is, above all others,  
well deserves the name of Friend;  
His is love beyond a brother’s,  
costly, free, and knows no end.  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
They who once his kindness prove,  
find it everlasting love.

Which of all our friends to save us,  
could or would have shed his blood?  
But our Jesus died to have us  
reconciled in him to God.  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
This was boundless love, indeed;  
Jesus is a friend in need.

When he lived on earth abas-ed,  
“Friend of sinners” was his name;  
Now above all glory raised,  
He rejoices in the same;  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
Still he calls them brethren, friends,  
and to all their wants attends.

Continues...

Could we bear from one another  
what he daily bears from us?  
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother  
loves us though we treat him thus:  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
Though for good we render ill,  
He accounts us brethren still.

O for grace our hearts to soften!  
Teach us, Lord, at length to love;  
We, alas! forget too often  
what a Friend we have above;  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
But when home our souls are brought,  
We will love you as we ought.

# 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

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.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

***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 305**      Arise, My Soul, Arise  
(congregation stands on last verse)

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

## ▲ The Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

Luke 15:11–32

The Freeness of God's Love

<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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