

# 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

#### **Worship**

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# Reflection

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful, you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners.

— Søren Kierkegaard  
*Journals and Papers*

Those who know their unworthiness seize grace as a hungry man seizes bread, while the self-righteous resent grace.

— Randy Alcorn  
*Edge of Eternity*

What the law tried to do by a restraining power from without, the gospel does by an inspiring power from within.

— Catherine Booth  
“The Fruits of Union with Christ”

Grace means you’re in a different universe from where you had been stuck, when you had absolutely no way to get there on your own.

— Anne Lamott  
*Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

# We Prepare to Meet with God

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## Prelude

## How Vast the Benefits Divine

How vast the benefits divine which we in Christ possess!  
We are redeemed from guilt and shame and called to holiness.  
But not for works which we have done, or shall hereafter do,  
Hath God decreed on sinful men salvation to bestow.

The glory, Lord, from first to last, is due to thee alone;  
Aught to ourselves we dare not take, or rob thee of thy crown.  
Our glorious Surety undertook to satisfy for man,  
And grace was given us in him before the world began.

This is thy will, that in thy love we ever should abide;  
That earth and hell should not prevail to turn thy word aside.  
Not one of all the chosen race but shall to heav'n attain,  
Partake on earth the purposed grace and then with Jesus reign.

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# 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 33:1–4

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
**All: Praise befits the upright.**  
Leader: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!  
**All: Sing to him a new song;**  
**play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**  
Leader: For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
**All: He loves righteousness and justice;**  
**the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

▲ **Psalm 9 B**      Sing Praise to the Lord      *Book of Psalms for Worship*

▲ **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

Romans 3:9–18

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one.”

“Their throat is an open grave;

they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

“Their feet are swift to shed blood;

in their paths are ruin and misery,

and the way of peace they have not known.”

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

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

Dear Lord,  
    you are the strong and mighty God,  
    the Creator of the universe and every living creature.  
You are all-powerful, faithful, and just,  
    and you have loved us since before we were born.  
We come to you as your children who need you.

You have called us to follow you  
    and to serve you with our whole lives,  
    but we haven't done so.  
We confess that we are sinners who often ignore you  
    and continue to hurt you and others and ourselves.  
We put our trust in the wrong things,  
    thinking that we know what we need  
    and how to take care of ourselves.  
We damage relationships  
    because we are scared, angry, or jealous.  
We sometimes refuse to forgive  
    and to ask forgiveness of others and of you.

We are sorry,  
    please forgive us.  
Help us to turn away from our own selfish desires  
    and give ourselves wholly to you.  
Holy Spirit, give us the strength and courage and grace  
    to love you and to love others in your name.  
Guide our lives as we seek to follow you more closely.  
    In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## ⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 3:19–26

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## ⬆ 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

John 3:1–21 (p. 887)

## ⬆ Hymn 524 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

*Trinity Hymnal*

## Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dave Boxerman

**Sermon Text:** Romans 8:28–30 (p. 944)

*The Golden Chain of Salvation*

*Part 2: Calling and Justification*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## Prayer of Intercession

✠ **Hymn 246**    Man of Sorrows! What a Name

*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

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above;  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all Your love accepting,  
Love You ever all my days;  
Let me seek Your kingdom only,  
And my life be to Your praise;  
You alone shall be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see;  
You have cleansed and sanctified me,  
You Yourself hast set me free.

In your truth you still direct me  
By Your spirit through your word;  
And Your grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in You, my Lord.  
Of Your fullness You are pouring  
Your great love and pow'r on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to thee.

Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

Hebrews 10:11–17

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

### ***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 455    **And Can It Be That I Should Gain**    *Trinity Hymnal*  
(congregation stands on last verse)

## ⬆ The Benediction

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# Sermon Notes

Romans 8:28–30

*The Golden Chain of Salvation*

*Part 2: Calling and Justification*

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|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
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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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