

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

Hilary Crowder

Reflection

More people have been brought into the church by the kindness of real Christian love than by all the theological arguments in the world, and more people have been driven from the church by the hardness and ugliness of so-called Christianity than by all the doubts in the world.

— William Barclay
New Testament Words

Oh, men and women, pray through; pray through! Do not just begin to pray and pray a little while and throw up your hands and quit, but pray and pray and pray until God bends the heavens and comes down!

— R. A. Torrey
The Power of Prayer

We must not be contented with praying, without exerting ourselves in the use of means for the obtaining of those things we pray for.

— William Carey
*An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians
to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens*

To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.

— Karl Barth
Prayer

Petitionary prayer ... is rebellion — rebellion against the world in its fallenness, the absolute and undying refusal to accept as normal what is pervasively abnormal.

— David F. Wells
in the *Christianity Today* article
“Prayer: Rebelling against the Status Quo”

We pray for our enemies; we seek to persuade those who hate us without cause to live conformably to the goodly precepts of Christ, that they may become partakers with us of the joyful hope of blessings from God, the Lord of all.

— Justin Martyr

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God, my Savior, shows his face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him, whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since he bids me seek his face,
Believe his Word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

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 96:1–4

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

▲ **Hymn 65** Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne *Trinity Hymnal*

▲ **Prayer of Petition and Adoration**

▲ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 116:1–2

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

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

Our sovereign Lord,
you choose us to carry out your will in the world.
You call us to bring your light and hope
into a world that desperately needs it.
You call out to your people saying,
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And far too often we refuse your call.
We fall for the lies that say we don’t know enough.
We fall for the lies that say we can’t speak well enough.
We fall for the lies that say we are not enough.
We think that there must be others you’d much rather call
who are more equipped than us,
when in reality you chose us to share your gospel.
You chose us to reach out to the least, the last, and the lost.
You equip us for the works you’ve set before us.
Your power is made perfect in our weakness,
and you use our inadequacies to show your great might.
Forgive us for giving in to our fears.
Forgive us for running from your call.
Forgive us for having too small a view
of how big and powerful you are.
Forgive us for not trusting in you and your plan.
Forgive us, Lord, and strengthen us, Holy Spirit,
to listen to your call and say, “Here I am, Lord, send me.”
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

⬆ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Acts 10:43

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⬆ **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

Ezekiel 34 (p. 722)

⬆ **Hymn 452** Macedonia

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon Text: Matthew 9:35–38 (p. 814)

The Shepherd's Heart; the Church's Mission

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Prayer of Intercession

▲ Hymn 595 Let Your Heart Be Broken

Let your heart be broken for a world in need:
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed,
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread-
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love,
Visible expression –God still rules above–
Living illustration of the Living Word
To the minds of all who've never seen or heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,
Challenged by the need-- apparent everywhere.
Where mankind is wanting, fill the vacant place;
Be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear;
See mankind as God sees, serve him far and near.
Let your heart be broken by a brother's pain;
Share your rich resources, give and give again.

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true;
Knowing Christ as Savior and our Master too.
Follow in his footsteps; go where he has trod.
In the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.

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

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees;
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee,
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night.

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission;
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers.

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled;
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord.*

Continues...

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labor for Thy sake.

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His kingdom hope unfurled;
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Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

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 263	Lift High the Cross	Trinity Hymnal
	(congregation stands on last verse)	

⬆ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Matthew 9:35–38

The Shepherd's Heart; the Church's Mission

Home Fellowship Groups		
Group Leader	Contact	Meeting Day/Time
Leng Ea	817.412.8625	Flower Mound Fridays at 6:30–8:00 p.m.
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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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