

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	Paula Ea MJ Canales
Worship	Paula Ea MJ Canales Hilary Crowder

Reflection

I thought when I became a Christian I had nothing to do but just to lay my oars in the bottom of the boat and float along. But I soon found that I would have to go against the current.

— Dwight L. Moody
American evangelist (1837–99)

Jesus now has many lovers of his heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of his cross.

— Thomas à Kempis
The Imitation of Christ

Opposition is a fact: the Christian who is not conscious of being opposed had better watch himself for he is in danger.

— J. I. Packer
Knowing God

When one preaches Christianity in such a way that the echo answers, “Away with that man, he does not deserve to live,” know that this is the Christianity of the New Testament. Capital punishment is the penalty for preaching Christianity as it truly is.

— Søren Kierkegaard
Attack Upon Christendom

God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools ... and he has not been disappointed ... If I have brought any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.

— Antonin Scalia
Supreme Court Justice
speaking to the Knights of Columbus Council in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

Approach, My Soul the Mercy Seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat
where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet,
for none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea;
with this I venture nigh:
thou call-est burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,
that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I
might plead thy gracious name!

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 104:1, 33

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
All: O LORD my God, you are very great!
Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

⬆ **Hymn 7** From All That Dwell below the Skies *Trinity Hymnal*

⬆ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

⬆ Congregation stands as able

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:1–2

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!

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

Dear Lord, we are so grateful
that we have found our home in your church.
We have been forever changed by the new identity
that you give us as forgiven and beloved children,
and we are refreshed again and again as we dive deeper
into Christian fellowship, your Word, and prayer.
But, Father, we confess that we are not so good
about sharing this safe and loving home with others.
You want for us to be able to plainly talk about the difference
that you have made in our lives,
but we confess that we are plagued
with apathy, laziness, and fear.
You want for us to be overflowing with hope and peace,
but we are too often consumed
by the cares and distractions of this world.
Father, we confess that we just don't get
how important all of this is.
We have been selfish, and blind to the truth.

Forgive us, Lord.
Give us clean hearts, a clear conscience,
and a willingness to speak boldly
about the forgiveness and love that you so freely give.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

⬆ Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⬆ 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

Romans 8 (p. 944)

⬆ Hymn 36 Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Trinity Hymnal

Sermon Text: Matthew 10:16–33 (p. 815)

*The Great Commission — the Prequel:
God’s Care Amidst Opposition*

¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Prayer of Intercession

▲ **Hymn** Come, All Christians Be Committed *TUNE: BEACH SPRING*

Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness,
Each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,
They are gifts from God above,
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.
In your work, with him find favor,
And with joy his praises sing.

God's command to love each other
Is required of ev'ry man.
Showing mercy to a brother
Mirrors his redemptive plan.
In compassion he has given
Of his love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven;
Joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,
All who on Christ's name believe.
Worship him with consecration,
Grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Till all men his name have heard.

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

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;
 cme to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;
 come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,
 hope of the penitent, peace in our strife.
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
 “my yoke is easy, my burden is light.”

Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners;
 drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;
 grace overflowing is yours evermore.

Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking.
 all that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.
 come unto Jesus, take up your cross.

Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.
Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest
with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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

Psalm 67C

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Book of Psalms for Worship

(congregation stands on last verse)

⬆ The Benediction

Sermon Notes

Matthew 10:16–33

The Great Commission — the Prequel: God’s Care Amidst Opposition

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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