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**THE LORD'S DAY OF JANUARY 8,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2012
9:30 AM**

“But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”
(Habakkuk 2:20)

WE PREPARE TO MEET WITH GOD

Welcome

Preparatory Devotional

Quiet Prayer

Asterisks (*) denote portions for congregation to stand.
Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV).
Congregational readings are in **bold**.

GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalms 96:7-9*

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 731, "Doxology"*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 310, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 5:27-28*

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Heavenly Father, King of Glory,

we have sinned against you in the lusts of our flesh.

We live in a world that hates holiness,

that delights in immorality.

And how often have we, your holy people, bowed to the lusts of our age!

Like the world, we have cherished lustful thoughts,

given our bodies to immorality,
and praised those who do.
In breaking this law, we have broken all your laws (Jas 2:10).
We have grieved your Holy Spirit,
by whom we are sealed for redemption (Eph 4:30).
Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Christ Jesus,
who died for the ungodly (Rom 5:6),
and fulfilled all righteousness (Mt 3:15).

GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL

Reading of the Gospel: *Revelation 5:9-10*

⁹And 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,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Confession of the Gospel (Unison):

**Dear heavenly Father, we receive and rest on Christ Jesus alone for
righteousness, holiness, and eternal life.**

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 8:31-34*

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 121, “Praise Him, Praise Him”*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God:

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:10-12

¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Philippians 2:12-13

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

1 Corinthians 12:7

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“People of His Holy, Life-Giving Presence: The Providence Vision, II”

— Pastor Christopher Seah

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 444: “O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling”*

A Prayer of Response

Thanksgiving

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Republic of Singapore

The Holy Church of Jesus Christ

The Offering

*The Confession of Faith (Unison): *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall 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.**

⁺ catholic: universal

Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 163: "At the Name of Jesus"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction