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**THE LORD'S DAY OF JANUARY 15,
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: *Isaiah 43:11*

I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 235, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 5:33-37*

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Heavenly Father, King of Glory,
you have called us to be people of truth,
and keepers of our words.**

But we have not always kept our words.

We have broken our vows to you.

We have not kept our promises to others.

**We have taken your great Name in vain,
and have dishonored you before the world.
In breaking this law,
we have broken all your laws (Jas 2:10),
and grieved your Holy Spirit.
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: *Romans 3:21-25*

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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.

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 88, “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *John 4:39-42*

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“The Savior of the World”—Pastor Christopher Seah

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 504: “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”*

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;

⁺catholic: universal

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 300: “Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction