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**THE LORD'S DAY OF MAR 4,
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: *Psalm 46:8-11*

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S SUMMONS

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 731, “Doxology”*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 89, “God Is Our Strength and Refuge”*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 6:25-33*

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”

²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Heavenly Father, King of Glory,

how little we heed the words of your Son.

We fret over our daily needs,

worry about how we look,

obsess over what others think of us,

and fear about our future.

It is fear that rules us, not your promises.

So, we fail to seek first your Kingdom,

choosing, instead, lives of worried self-preservation.

Dear Father, forgive us for not happily trusting in you.

Forgive us 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 8:1-4*

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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: *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 181, "We Come, O Christ, to You"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Joshua 5:13-15*

¹³When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" ¹⁵And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

"Holiness Comes First"—Pastor Christopher Seah

Hymn of Preparation: *Trinity Hymnal 378, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"*

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord's Table

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 449, "We Rest on Thee"*

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 353: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction