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**THE LORD'S DAY OF APRIL 6,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2012
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
10.00 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: *Revelation 5:9-10*

⁹ And 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,

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S SUMMONS

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 246, “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 255, “O Jesus, We Adore Thee”*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Genesis 2:15-17*

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Heavenly Father, King of Glory,
we are sinners through our father Adam.**

In Adam, we have raised our thoughts above your wisdom,

lifted our fists against your rule,
and sought to be our own gods.

Like Adam, we continue to rule our own lives day by day,
serving our own ambitions,
worshiping our own desires,
delighting in sin instead of righteousness.

Heavenly Father, we are sinners through and through,
and you are blameless in all your judgments.

Forgive our sins 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 5:18-21*

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 6:23*

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 261, "What Wondrous Love Is This"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Ephesians 1:7*

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Christ Jesus, Our Redemption”—Pastor Christopher Seah

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 461: “*Not What My Hands Have Done*”

*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* 263: “*Lift High the Cross*”

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction