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**THE LORD'S DAY OF MARCH 20,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2011
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 66:1-4

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth; ²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! ³Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. ⁴All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S SUMMONS

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

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal* 76, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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,

As we hear the words of your Son, we realize how little we heed them.

We confess that we are habitually anxious about our lives.

Our hearts are secretly gripped with fear for the future—more often than we admit.

By fearing so greatly for our future, we have given glory to that which is not you.

By being anxious for our lives, we have exalted our fears above your Name.

And by allowing our fears to drive us, we have become unloving people.

In breaking this law, we have broken all your laws (Jas 2:10).

Dear Father, forgive us for not trusting in your promises.

Forgive us for not seeking first your Kingdom and righteousness.

GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL

Reading of the Gospel: *1 Corinthians 1:30-31*

³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Confession of the Gospel (Unison):

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

Assurance of Pardon: *John 5:24-25*

²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal* 305, “*Arise, My Soul, Arise*”

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Joshua 1:10-18*

¹⁰And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, ¹¹“Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, ‘Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’”

¹²And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, ¹³“Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, ‘The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.’ ¹⁴Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, ¹⁵until the Lord gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

¹⁶And they answered Joshua, “All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses! ¹⁸Whoever rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.”

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Executive Orders” – Pastor Christopher Seah

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 571: “*Stand Up, Stand Up for 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 642: "Be Thou My Vision"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction