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**THE LORD'S DAY OF DEC 4,
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: *John 12:13*

¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

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: *Exodus 20:16*

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Heavenly Father, King of Glory,

you call us to deal truthfully with our fellow human beings.

But deceit lives deep within us.

We have lied to our neighbors by speaking false words,

by withholding truth from them.

We have lied about our neighbors by our gossip,

by our failure to defend their good names.
And we have lied to you, O Lord, by pretending that we are better than we are!
How we have grieved you, our Father.
How we have sinned against one another!
In breaking this law, we have broken all your laws (Jas 2:10),
and hurt those whom you love.
Forgive us for the sake of Christ Jesus who died for liars.

GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL

Reading of the Gospel: *1Peter 4:1-2*

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
²so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

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 8:3-4*

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.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 219, "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Ephesians 1:3*

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places[.]

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Christ Jesus: Every Spiritual Blessing: An Advent Message
—Pastor Christopher Seah

Hymn of Preparation: *Trinity Hymnal 213, "What Child Is This"*

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord's Table

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 188, "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"*

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 533, "I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction