

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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**THE LORD'S DAY OF DECEMBER 11,  
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**.

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## GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Hebrews 1:3*

<sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high[.]

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 310, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:17*

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Heavenly Father, King of Glory,  
you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
to honor their persons,  
to respect all that belongs to them.  
But we have been self-serving:  
we have desired what belongs to our neighbors,**

we have plotted to gain what is theirs,  
we have not loved their happiness,  
nor sought their good.  
**Our hearts are often gripped by greed and selfishness.**  
**We have sinned against you, our Father,**  
**and against our fellow human beings.**  
**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 the covetous.**

### **GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL**

Reading of the Gospel: *1John 1:7*

<sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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*

<sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>in 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 528, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

### **GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD**

Reading of the Word of God: *Luke 15: 11-32*

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to

be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“In the family but not of the family”—Elder Ong Keng Ho

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 465, “Marvellous Grace of our Loving Lord”*

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 <sup>+</sup>catholic Church;**

*<sup>+</sup>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* 460, "Amazing Grace"

## **GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS**

\*Benediction