

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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**THE LORD'S DAY OF DEC 18,  
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: *Psalm 47:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.

<sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

*Selah*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 196, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Heavenly Father, King of Glory,  
We have not remembered you as our one Lord and God.  
We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and might.  
Instead, we have placed other gods before you.  
We have worshiped the desires of our flesh,  
    exalted the ambitions of our hearts,  
    magnified the wisdom of our minds,  
    and raised up our own kingdoms against yours.  
Remove the love of rebellion from our hearts!  
Forgive us, Father, for this sin that leads to all sins.  
Forgive us for the sake of Christ Jesus who fulfilled all righteousness,  
    and died for the ungodly (Rom 5:6).**

## **GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL**

Reading of the Gospel: : *1John 2:1-2*

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 197*, “*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*”

## GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Ephesians 1:3-4*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him [...]

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God: “Christ Jesus: Our Election: An Advent Message”—Pastor Christopher Seah

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 466*, “*I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew*”

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;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.**

*<sup>+</sup>catholic: universal*

**Amen.**

\*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal* 208, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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

\*Benediction