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*A household for our triune God,
where each member shines forth His holy, life-giving presence.*

**THE LORD'S DAY OF JANUARY 3,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2016
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: *Hebrews 1:3*

“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: *Leviticus 19:5-8*

⁵“When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. ⁶It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. ⁷If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it will not be accepted, ⁸and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from his people.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Father in heaven,

we have made ourselves the center of our lives

and failed to live for your glory.
We have treasured sin in our hearts,
harbored hatred in our souls,
and pursued our own selfish desires.
We trust Christ to be our all-sufficient peace offering.
We rest on his perfect sacrifice alone to make us acceptable to you.
Through Jesus our Lord,
who died for sinners (Rom 5:6)
and fulfilled all righteousness (Mt 3:15),
forgive our many sins.
Amen.

GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL

Reading of the Gospel: *Colossians 2:13-15*

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Confession of the Gospel (Unison):

Almighty God,

we are greatly sinful and unable to save ourselves.

But we trust in the Savior you have graciously given—Jesus Christ our Lord.

We trust in Christ's obedience for our righteousness,

his death for our release from the Law's curse,

his resurrection for our immortality,

his ascension for our reconciliation with you,

his rule for our final victory and peace.

We trust in Christ alone for salvation. Amen.

(Based on Calvin's *Institutes* II:XVI:19)

Assurance of Pardon: *Philippians 2:6-11*

⁶ [Christ] though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and

bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 519, "Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

"Know How Much Your Heavenly Father Loves You"—Christopher Seah

Hymn of Preparation: *Trinity Hymnal 495, "No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee"*

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord's Table

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 308 "Jesus Paid It All"*

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;

⁺universal

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 331, "Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction