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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 10,
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: *Psalm 50:1, 2*

¹ The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 4, "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:9-10*

⁹ "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Heavenly Father,
you have poured out mercy and loving-kindness upon us.
Yet we so quickly forget your kindness.
Our hearts are cold.
We do not care as we ought for the poor,
the lonely,
the friendless,
the strangers amongst us.
Father, renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit.
Fill our hearts with your love (Rom 5:5).
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: *1 Thessalonians 1:9-10*

⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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 244, "He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Colossians 3:1-6*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God: "Put to Death"—Christopher Seah

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 104: "We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name"*

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

⁺universal

Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 330, "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction