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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 MARCH 13,
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 145:1-3*

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 17, "Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 5:38-42*

- ³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the
right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take
your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one
mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not
refuse the one who would borrow from you.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Our heavenly Father,
you call us to be people of compassion and kindness (Col 3:12).
But we find ourselves vengeful and unforgiving.

**We harbor resentment and hatred.
We punish those who offend us by
withdrawing our love,
ceasing our prayers,
and lashing out in anger.
Rather than trust in you,
we have sought to avenge ourselves.
Purify our hearts, Lord.
Rule our hearts by your peace (Col 3:15).
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 Peter 2:24*

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Confession of the Gospel (Unison):

I believe that Jesus Christ is truly God, born of the Father in eternity and also truly man, born of the Virgin Mary. He is my Lord! He redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, bought and won me from all sins, death and the authority of the Devil. It did not cost Him gold or silver, but His holy, precious blood, His innocent body—His death! Because of this, I am His very own, will live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him righteously, innocently and blessedly forever, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns forever. (Adapted from Luther's *Small Catechism*)

Assurance of Pardon: *Colossians 1:21-22*

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 456: "By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *1 Peter 5:6-11*

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for

you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Victors or Victims—The Fight of Our Lives”— Elder Ong Keng Ho

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 572, “*Onward, Christian Soldiers*”

A Prayer of Response

Thanksgiving

Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Republic of Singapore

The Holy Church of Jesus Christ

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison): *Matthew* 6:19-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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 439: "Christ Shall Have Dominion"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction