

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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## PROVIDENCE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 APRIL 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**.

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## GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalm 95:3*

For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 23, "God of Gods, We Sound His Praises"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 6:5-6*

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Heavenly Father, our good King,  
you call us to love you with absolute devotion,  
to live for you above all.  
But we have used religion to serve ourselves.  
We have prayed to be seen by others,  
used our knowledge of your Word for self-promotion,  
and turned our good deeds into occasions for boasting.  
We have stolen glory from you  
and exalted ourselves.  
Purify our hearts, Father.  
Grant us single-minded devotion to you.  
Cause us to live for your glory.  
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 John 4:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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: *Colossians 2:13-15*

<sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## **WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 56, "When All Your Mercies, O My God"*

## **GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD**

Reading of the Word of God: *John 6:1-51*

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" <sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup> Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.” <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the

will of him who sent me.<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

<sup>41</sup> So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—<sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God: “I Am the Bread of Life”—Christopher Seah

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 430, “I Hunger and I Thirst”*

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<sup>+</sup> 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 300: "Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power"*

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

\*Benediction