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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 24,
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 71:17*

O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 26, "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 6:24*

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Almighty God, our Father in heaven,
you alone are the Lord,
there is no other.
You alone are eternal Life,
the King of glory.
Yet we have pursued idols.**

**We have trusted in Money and other false gods
for security,
dignity,
and happiness.**

Father, reclaim our wandering hearts.

Gather our distracted minds.

Bring us back 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: *Romans 4:22-25*

²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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*

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.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 174, "O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Matthew 25:1-13*

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God: “Be Ready to Meet Our Beloved Lord”—Erry Gunawan

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 156, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"*

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

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Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 335: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction