

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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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 MAY 15,  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2016  
9:30 A.M.**

“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 77:13-20*:

<sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?

<sup>14</sup> You are the God who works wonders;

you have made known your might among the peoples.

<sup>15</sup> You with your arm redeemed your people,

the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 39, "O God, Most Holy Are Your Ways"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 7:12*:

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Our Father in heaven,  
we have not done to others  
as we would have them do for us.  
We have demanded that good be done to us,  
while being slow to do good to others.  
We have used our neighbors for selfish gain,**

broken them by our hurtful words,  
hurt them by our selfish deeds,  
and withheld our friendship from them.  
In all this, we have grieved the Holy Spirit,  
by whom we were sealed for the day of redemption (Eph 4:30).  
Father, help us to repair our broken relationships  
and love others as you have loved us (cf. Jn 13:34).  
Through Jesus our Lord,  
who died for us sinners (Rom 5:6)  
and fulfilled all righteousness (Mt 3:15),  
forgive our many sins.  
Amen.

### **GOD DECLARES HIS GOSPEL**

Reading of the Gospel: *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*:

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

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* 569, "Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory"

## GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Philippians 4:1-20*:

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God: “The Practice of Excellent Thinking”—Christopher Seah

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 644: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"*

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;**

*<sup>+</sup>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