

# 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 OCTOBER 16,  
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 & 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: *Psalms 135:1-2*:

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,  
give praise, O servants of the LORD,  
<sup>2</sup> who stand in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God!

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 12, "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 5:17-20*:

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Our heavenly Father,  
your Law is holy, righteous, and good (Rom 7:12).  
But our hearts are stubborn and hard.  
We have despised your Law,  
avoided its claim over our lives,  
and rejected its commands.  
We turn from our sins  
and cast ourselves upon you for mercy.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, for this great sin  
and all sins that flow from it.  
Grant us in Christ the righteousness that we do not have.  
Grant us through Christ new love for your Law.  
Through Christ 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*:

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

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: *Hebrews 5:7-9*:

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

## **WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 520*, “*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*”

## **GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD**

Reading of the Word of God: *Colossians 2:1-23*:

<sup>1</sup> For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <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.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and

drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

<sup>20</sup> If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—<sup>21</sup> “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” <sup>22</sup> (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? <sup>23</sup> These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Walk in Christ”—Christopher Seah

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 590: “Jesus, Master, Whose I Am”*

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

*<sup>+</sup>universal*

**Amen.**

\*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 329, "Come, O Creator Spirit Blest"*

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

\*Benediction