

# 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 30,  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2017  
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 145:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup> 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 2, "O Worship the King"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matt 5:13 - 16*

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Our Father in heaven,**  
you have made us salt to the earth,  
light to the world,  
a city on a hill,  
a people glorifying you.

But we have often fled from your calling.

We have preferred the world's approval to life in our Lord Jesus.

Out of fear and rebellion, we have withheld your light and salt.

Renew our hearts.

Make us willing to serve 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: *1 Peter 2:24*

<sup>24</sup> 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): *Based on Calvin's Institutes II:XVI:19*

**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 Jesus alone for salvation. Amen.

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 246, "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"*

## **GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD**

Reading of the Word of God: : *1 Cor 1:17-25; 1 Cor 2:1-5*

<sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“The Paradox of the Faith”—Bro Daniel Chew

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 300: “Blessing & Honor & Glory & Power”*

Prayer of Response

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison): *Matthew 6:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

<sup>10</sup>**Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

<sup>11</sup>**Give us this day our daily bread,  
<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

<sup>13</sup>**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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;  
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 330, "Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness"*

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

\*Benediction