

# 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 JANUARY 14,  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2018  
9.15 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 95:1-3*

- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
<sup>3</sup> 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 101, "Come, Thou Almighty King"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:13*

"You shall not murder."

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Almighty God, Giver of life**

**we have not loved our neighbors as you have commanded.**

**We have injured them by**

**nursing bitterness in our hearts,**

**speaking poorly about them,**

**and inflicting pain against their persons.**

**Father, purify our hearts by your Holy Spirit!**

**Create in our hearts true love for our neighbors (cf. Ps 51:10).**

**Grant us to turn from sin  
and do good to our neighbors for the glory of your name.  
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*

<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): *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 alone for salvation. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: *Hebrews 5:7-9*

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 147, “Break Thou the Bread of Life”*

## **GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD**

Reading of the Word of God: *Ephesians 4:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the

bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call-- <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“The Vision of the Church (1)”—Elder Keng Ho

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

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord’s Table

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 347: “*The Church's One Foundation (Stanza 1,2,4,6)*”

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* 6:9-13

**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* 478, "I Love to Tell the Story"

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

\*Benediction