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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 FEBRUARY 4,
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**.

GOD SUMMONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalm 135:1-2*

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
² 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 11, "Now Blessed be the Lord our God"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:16*

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Heavenly Father, Lord of all truth,
we confess that deceit still lives deeply within us.
We have lied to our neighbors by speaking false words,
by withholding truth from them.
We have lied about our neighbors by our gossip,
our rush to believe bad reports,
and our failure to defend their good names.
We have lied to you, O Lord,
by hiding our sins from you.
Father, we turn from our lies**

and return to you for life and truth.
Purify our hearts by your Holy Spirit.
Grant us to deal truthfully with you and our neighbors.
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: *Ephesians 1:7*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

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 9:12-14*

¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.
¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 13, "O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *1 Corinthians 1:17-31*

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the

wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ 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? ²¹ 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. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Wisdom and Foolishness in the Gospel”—Pastor Au Yeong Hau Tzeng

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 486, “God, Be Merciful to Me”*

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⁺ 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 558, "That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction