

# 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 MARCH 25,  
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: *Psalm 103:1-5*

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

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

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 376, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup> And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

**Heavenly Father,**

**you have poured out mercy and loving-kindness upon us.**

**Yet we so quickly forget your kindness.**

**Our hearts are cold.**

**We do not care as we ought for the poor,**

**the lonely,**

**the friendless,**

**the strangers amongst us.**

**Father, renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit.**

**Fill our hearts with your love (Rom 5:5).**

**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: *Hebrews 9:12-14*

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> 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.

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 2:14-15*

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were

subject to lifelong slavery.

## WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 179, "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"*

## GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Genesis 22:1-19*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." <sup>19</sup>So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Trusting God when nothing Make Sense”—Pastor Calvin Loh

Hymn of Preparation: *Trinity Hymnal* 420: “*At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*”

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord’s Table

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 652: “*Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day*”

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* 677, "Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him"

**GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS**

\*Benediction