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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 1,
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: *Psalms 148:1-2*

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

*Hymn of Praise: *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,

Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise 286: “*Worship Christ, The Risen King*”

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:13, 14*:

¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Father in heaven,

you call us not to oppress or rob our neighbors.

Yet we have done those very sins in many ways.

By our unjust demands, exploitation, neglect, or apathy—

we have oppressed and robbed those made in your image.

Lord, save us!

Make us people who bless, not curse;

heal, not injure; build up, and not destroy.

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 10:10*

¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ 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 691, "It is Well with My Soul"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Matthew 27:27-44, Luke 23:32-43*

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“**Two Ways to Die**”—Elder Clifford

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 253, “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”*

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

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Amen.

*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 274, "Thine Be The Glory"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction

Sermon Outline

“Two Ways to Die” *Matthew 27:27-44, Luke 23:32-43*

1. Introduction:
 - Certainty of death

2. Mockery of Jesus
 - By the Roman Soldiers
 - By the Passer-bys
 - By the Elders and Priests
 - By the two Criminals

3. Cross of Rejection
 - Contempt for Jesus
 - Demanded salvation on his own terms
 - Died in his sins

4. Cross of Reception
 - Acknowledgement of sin
 - Confessed Christ and pleaded for grace and mercy
 - Died to sin

5. Cross of Redemption
 - Death was foretold in the scriptures
 - Death was critical to His redemptive work
 - Died for sin
 - Completed His mission when He rose from the dead

6. Conclusion
 - How we die depends on how we respond to Jesus today.