

# 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 29,  
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 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 53, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

## GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 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 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 170, "Fairest Lord Jesus"*

## GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *2 Peter 3:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,<sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup>knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup>For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup>and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup>But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,<sup>[a]</sup> not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

**“Fortifying Against Trying Times (4): Anchoring in God’s Promises”** - Moses Tang

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 616: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

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<sup>+</sup> Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.**

*+universal*

**Amen.**

\*Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 590: "Jesus, Master, Whose I am"*

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

\*Benediction