

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 DEC 9,
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 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 735, "Gloria Patri"*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 195, "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Matthew 5:38-42*

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison):

Our heavenly Father,

you call us to be people of compassion and kindness (Col 3:12).

But we find ourselves vengeful and unforgiving.

We harbor resentment and hatred.

We punish those who offend us by
withdrawing our love,
ceasing our prayers,
and lashing out in anger.
Rather than trust in you,
we have sought to avenge ourselves.
Purify our hearts, Lord.
Rule our hearts by your peace (Col 3:15).
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 3:21-26*:

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Confession of the Gospel (Unison): *Adapted from Luther's Small Catechism*

I believe that Jesus Christ is truly God, born of the Father in eternity and also truly man, born of the Virgin Mary. He is my Lord! He redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, bought and won me from all sins, death and the authority of the Devil. It did not cost Him gold or silver, but His holy, precious blood, His innocent body—His death! Because of this, I am His very own, will live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him righteously, innocently and blessedly forever, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns forever.

Assurance of Pardon: *Hebrews 9:24-28*:

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having

been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal* 529, “*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*”

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Romans 13:8-14*

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Living Sacrifices (5): Debtor to the world and Jesus the Returning King of kings”—Deacon Moses

Hymn of Preparation: *Trinity Hymnal* 426, “*Till He Come*”

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord’s Table

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 590, “*Jesus, Master, Whose I Am*”

A Prayer of Response

Thanksgiving

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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 355, "We Are God's People"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction