

# 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 FEBRUARY 24,  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2019  
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 148:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S SUMMONS

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 735, "Gloria Patri"*

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 302, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

### GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Leviticus 19:1, 2*

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sins (Unison)

**Almighty God, our Father and King,**

**you alone are the Holy One.**

**To you alone belongs all glory and worship.**

**We confess that we are slow in obeying you,**

**that we do not cherish your Law as we ought.**

**We have preferred our desires over your will**

**and cherished our sins above your rule.**

**Have mercy on us, Father, for offending you.**

Cleanse our hearts by your Holy Spirit.  
Cause us to love your commandments.  
We turn from our sins  
and return to you for eternal life.  
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: *Colossians 1:21-22*

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

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: *1 Timothy 2:5-6*

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

## WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 441, "Jesus Shall Reign"*

## GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Joshua 2*

<sup>1</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. <sup>2</sup> And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." <sup>3</sup> Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." <sup>4</sup>

But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. <sup>5</sup> And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." <sup>6</sup> But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. <sup>7</sup> So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. <sup>8</sup> Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. <sup>10</sup> For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. <sup>11</sup> And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. <sup>12</sup> Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." <sup>14</sup> And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." <sup>15</sup> Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. <sup>16</sup> And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." <sup>17</sup> The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. <sup>18</sup> Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. <sup>19</sup> Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. <sup>20</sup> But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." <sup>21</sup> And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. <sup>22</sup> They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. <sup>23</sup> Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. <sup>24</sup> And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us."

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“An Unexpected Conversion”—Elder Clifford

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 467, “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

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 577, “Stand Up, My Soul; Shake off Your Fears”*

## GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

\*Benediction