

# 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 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: *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 6, "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"*

## 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): *Adapted from 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* 251, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

### GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *1 Kings 18:1-19*

<sup>1</sup>After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth." <sup>2</sup>So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria. <sup>3</sup>And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly, <sup>4</sup>and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.) <sup>5</sup>And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, and not lose some of the animals." <sup>6</sup>So they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one direction by himself, and Obadiah went in another direction by himself.

<sup>7</sup>And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. And Obadiah recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is it you, my lord Elijah?" <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.'" <sup>9</sup>And he said, "How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me?" <sup>10</sup>As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they would say, 'He is not here,' he would take an oath of the kingdom or nation, that they had not found you. <sup>11</sup>And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here."' <sup>12</sup>And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. <sup>13</sup>Has it not been told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water? <sup>14</sup>And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here"'; and he will kill me." <sup>15</sup>And Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today." <sup>16</sup>So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

<sup>17</sup>When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" <sup>18</sup>And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup>Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Standing for God (4): The Heart of the Matter”—Descon Moses Tang

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

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 585, “Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

## GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

\*Benediction