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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 AUGUST 11,
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**.

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 731, "Doxology"*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 12, "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:16*

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sins (Unison)

**Heavenly Father, Lord of all truth,
we confess that deceit still lives deeply within us.
We have lied to our neighbors by speaking false words,
by withholding truth from them.
We have lied about our neighbors by our gossip,
our rush to believe bad reports,
and our failure to defend their good names.
We have lied to you, O Lord,
by hiding our sins from you.
Father, we turn from our lies**

and return to you for life and truth.
Purify our hearts by your Holy Spirit.
Grant us to deal truthfully with you and our neighbors.
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: *Ephesians 1:7*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

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 9:12-14*

¹²he 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. ¹³For 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, ¹⁴how 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.

WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 457, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Philippians 1:1-18*

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine

for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Having the Mind of Christ (2): Gospel Advance in Hard Places”— Moses Tang

Hymn of Preparation: *Trinity Hymnal* 486, “*God, Be Merciful to Me*”

Words of Preparation

Prayer of Preparation

Partaking of the Lord’s Table

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal* 584, “*Go, Labour On*”

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⁺ 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 562, "All to Jesus I Surrender"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction