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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 18,
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 145:1-3*

¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great 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 55, "To God Be the Glory"*

GOD DECLARES HIS LAW

Reading of the Law: *Deuteronomy 6:4, 5*

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LAW

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession of Sins (Unison)

**Almighty God, you alone are the Lord,
the true Father of our souls.**

Yet we have doubted your goodness.

**We have spurned your love
and hardened our hearts against you.**

Father, forgive us.

We are sorry for turning from you.

We grieve over our rebelliousness.

**Reclaim our hearts for yourself.
Overcome all the false gods that claim our souls
and form your holy kingdom in us.
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 1:19-20*

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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*

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who 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 172, "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*

GOD TEACHES US HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Ecclesiastes 1:1-11*

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?

⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes,

but the earth remains forever.

⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down,
and hastens to the place where it rises.

⁶The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.

⁷All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they flow again.

⁸All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?

It has been already
in the ages before us.

¹¹There is no remembrance of former things,
nor will there be any remembrance
of later things yet to be
among those who come after.

Prayer for Understanding

Preaching of the Word of God:

“Your Life is Vain” — Jordan Lim

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response: *Trinity Hymnal 503: “Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night”*

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 642, "Be Thou My Vision"*

GOD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSINGS

*Benediction