

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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 29,
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2020
9.30 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

Prelude (Piano)

Welcome

Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV).
Congregational readings are in **bold**.

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Psalms 100*

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
- ² Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
- ³ Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- ⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 2, "O Worship the King"*

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Exodus 20:1-3*

- ¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *John 3:16-17*

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal 189, “Jesus Loves Me”*

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Acts 4:23-37*

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *“The Church United As One”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.

Hymn of Consecration: *Trinity Hymnal 359, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"*

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

Dear Providence RP Church and friends,

The Elders of the Session in our church have deliberated in response to MCCY latest social distancing measures dated Mar 26th 2020. We emphasize that we are responding out of love, and not fear, for the church and people in Singapore. We are giving the direction for various fellowship activities, and lastly the live streaming worship as below.

While adhering to the measures, especially keeping the size of the social interactions at 10 or fewer persons per group, we will continue with the following either in person via video conferencing (VC), or through a mix of the two modes:

- a. Prayer Meeting,
- b. Small Group Fellowship (SEG and Youth GCL)
- c. Mercy Ministry (meal delivery)
- d. Session and Committee Meeting
- e. Planning Retreat (on May 2nd)
- f. Marriage Counselling
- g. Membership Class.
- h. Good Friday observance will be done in SEGs

We will postpone the following:

Youth GCL outreach (that was planned for 10 Apr 2020)

We will keep in view the following:

Children Sunday School outing in May

As the Session and your pastor, we urge you to prepare yourselves and participate in the observance of the Sabbath with the live streaming worship beginning this Sunday on 29 Mar 2020 until the measures are lifted. You may gather yourselves in groups of 10 or fewer to do so. The Sabbath is for us to rest in Christ to love Him and love one another. We are reminded of the gospel altogether on each Sabbath that Christ died and was raised again. So the Sabbath helps us to rest in Christ so that we may do the same of dying to our flesh together as the body of Christ, and be made alive in Him.

In Christ, we have the privilege and honor to worship before our heavenly Father and King altogether. So do we also honor one another by taking the live streaming worship wholeheartedly, solemnly and respectfully as if we are gathering in the physical sanctuary every Sunday unto our Lord Jesus Christ. To prepare ourselves to worship our God and King in heart, mind and spirit this Sunday, let us arise early this Lord's Day to prepare to present ourselves in the form and manner that is pleasing to our Lord. Instructions about participation in the live streaming worship will be sent via email and other Providence communication platforms separately on Saturday by the team in charge. We give thanks to our God for providing a team of members who have stepped up to contribute making the live streaming possible.

Providentially, as we continue with our sermon text on Acts, the sermon for this Sunday speaks to the emerging church in times of great adversity. How did God prepare them and what did they do in response to greater threats? Log in this Sunday to find out! The sermon title is "The Church United as One." Providence church and friends, let us stay connected and united!

In our Lord's mercy and grace,

Rev Terence Ng