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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 APRIL 12,
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 98:1-2*

¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 286, "Worship Christ, the Risen King!"*

1 Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

2 See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

3 Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;
all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

4 Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

- 5 We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Matthew 5:17-20*

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *Hebrews 5:7-9*

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him...

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *John 21:1-14*

¹ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to

Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *“Jesus Provides”*

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 277, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to day,” *Alleluia!*
sons of men and angels say; *Alleluia!*
raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*
sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. *Alleluia!*
- 2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!*
Christ has burst the gates of hell; *Alleluia!*
death in vain forbids his rise; *Alleluia!*
Christ has opened paradise. *Alleluia!*

- 3 Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!*
where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*
Once he died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!*
where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!*
foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*
made like him, like him we rise; *Alleluia!*
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*
- 5 Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

Ten Ways COVID-19 Can Work for Our Good

By Brian Najapfour, March 21, 2020

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As a Christian, I want to view the coronavirus pandemic through the lens of the Bible, especially Romans 8:28–29:

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

This text teaches that for believers in Christ, all things—without exception—work together for good. In times of great trial, we can often feel as Jacob felt: “All these things are against me” (Gen. 42:36). And yet later, once we look back, we can say with Joseph, “God meant it for good” (Gen. 50:20).

So how can this coronavirus be for our good? Let me suggest ten ways.

1. It can unite us globally in prayer. And as we pray, let us not underestimate what our prayers can do. Revival begins with prayer.
2. It can open a door for us to share the gospel with the unbelievers. With this pandemic, Christians have a wonderful opportunity to show Christ’s love to others. As Jesus says, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).
3. It can wean us from some of our idols in this world, such as sports, since this virus has caused cancellations and postponements of sporting events. Sadly, some Christians would rather watch or attend a sporting event on Sunday than worship God.
4. It can compel us to put our confidence in God for healing, since there is no known vaccine yet for this virus. Medicines are gifts from God, but sometimes we depend on and appreciate these gifts rather than the Giver.
5. It can give parents special time to be with their children, since this virus has also caused schools to shut down. Let’s ask help from God that our time with our children will become a blessing rather than a burden. Let’s remember, too, that our children are watching us. Thus, by what we say and do, let’s teach them how to react to a crisis like this in a God-honoring way.
6. It can serve as an occasion for us to obey our Lord's command: “Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10). The pace of modern life is so fast that we hardly

find time to pause and meditate on God's Word. Since this virus has brought normal life to a halt, for most of us we have extra time to commune with God and ponder upon heavenly and eternal things.

7. It can bring us face to face with the reality of death, as this virus continues to claim lives around the globe. "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Are you ready to die?
8. It can be a wakeup call to us from God to repent of our sin. In the Bible, pestilence is often a sign of God's judgment. For instance, in 2 Samuel 24 God punished His covenant people because of David's sin and God's punishment came to them in a form of pestilence that claimed 70,000 lives.
9. It can point us to Christ's Second Coming. In a sense, we should not be surprised to see more events like this pandemic, as Jesus Himself says regarding the last days, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences" (Luke 21:10–11). Unfortunately, people prepare for the coming of the coronavirus, but give little thought to Christ's Second Coming.
10. It is certain that God will use this pandemic as an instrument in His hand to conform us more to the image of His Son Jesus Christ. The coronavirus is not designed to drive us away from God, but to draw us closer to Him. It is in this sense that this virus is ultimately for our spiritual good and for God's own glory.

Therefore, fellow Christians, "Let not your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1).