

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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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 26,
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)

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Prelude

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: *Psalm 135:1-5*

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!

³ Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

⁴ For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

⁵ For I know that the LORD is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

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

1 Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;
all ye His servants, praise His Name,
who in the Lord's house ever stand
and humbly serve at His command.
The Lord is good, His praise proclaim;
since it is pleasant, praise His Name;
His people for His own He takes
and His peculiar treasure makes.

- 2 I know the Lord is high in state,
above all gods our Lord is great;
the Lord performs what He decrees,
in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas.
He makes the vapors to ascend
in clouds from earth's remotest end;
the lightnings flash at His command;
He holds the tempest in His hand.
- 3 Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;
all ye His servants, praise His Name,
who in the Lord's house ever stand
and humbly serve at His command,
Forever praise and bless His name,
and in the church His praise proclaim;
in Zion is His dwelling place;
praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Exodus 20:4*

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *Isaiah 55:6-8*

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: *Trinity Hymnal* 82, "Great God of Wonders!"

- 1 Great God of wonders! All thy ways
are matchless, godlike and divine;
but the fair glories of thy grace
more godlike and unrivaled shine,
more godlike and unrivaled shine.

Refrain:

Who is a pard'ning God like thee?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

- 2 In wonder lost, with trembling joy
we take the pardon of our God;
pardon for crimes of deepest dye,
a pardon bought with Jesus' blood,
a pardon bought with Jesus' blood.
- 3 O may this strange, this matchless grace,
this god-like miracle of love,
fill the whole earth with grateful praise,
and all th'angelic choirs above
and all th'angelic choirs above.

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: *Matthew* 21:23-32

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *“Doing Matters”*

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 590 “Jesus, Master, Whose I Am”*

- 1 Jesus, Master, whose I am,
purchased Thine alone to be,
by Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
shed so willingly for me,
let my heart be all Thine own,
let me live for Thee alone.

- 2 Jesus, Master, I am Thine:
keep me faithful, keep me near;
let Thy presence in me shine
all my homeward way to cheer.
Jesus, at Thy feet I fall,
O be Thou my all in all.
- 3 Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
though so feebly and so ill,
strengthen hand and heart and nerve
all Thy bidding to fulfil.
Open Thou mine eyes to see
all the work Thou hast for me.
- 4 Lord, Thou needest not, I know,
service such as I can bring;
yet I long to prove and show
full allegiance to my King.
Thou an honor art to me:
let me be a praise to Thee.

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

Sermon Outline

DOING MATTERS *Matthew 21:23-32*

Text: **Matthew 21: 28-32**

Message: **As those who claim to believe in God, we ought to do His will by changing continually our ways that we might be more Christ-like.**

I. The Context of the Parable of the Two Sons

- A. The events in the passage we have just read come after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jerusalem welcomed him with loud victory cheers and hailed him King Messiah.
- B. This simple parable is the first of the block of 3 consecutive parables of judgment from 21:28-22:14, which includes the parables of the Wicked Tenants and the Wedding Banquet.
- C. We will look at the self-judging parable, under 4 points
 - The Command of the Father
 - The Contrasting Response of the Two Sons
 - The Challenge of Jesus to the religious leaders
 - The Call of Jesus to us

II. The Command of the Father (21:28)

III. The Contrasting Response of the Sons

- A. First Son's Answer and Response (21:29)
- B. The Second Son's Answer and Response (21:30)

IV. The Challenge of Jesus to the religious leaders (21:31)

- A. Who did the will of the Father?
- B. Who didn't do the will of the Father?
- C. What is the judgement

V. The Call of Jesus to us

A. Our Response in repentance

B. Our Response by doing the will of our Father

1. Believing and Doing

2. Letter and the Spirit

C. Our Response by the Lord's enabling

1. What prevents us from doing the will of our Father

2. How do we do the will of our Father

VI. The Conclusion