

# 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 MAY 17,  
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)

# WORSHIP ORDER

Prelude

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

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## GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

The Greeting of God

The Call to Worship: *Revelations 15:3-4*

“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 97, “We praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”*

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer,  
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

## GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: *Matthew 7:12*

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Silent Prayer of Confession

## Prayer for Forgiveness

### Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *Hebrews 9:24-28*

<sup>24</sup> For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## **GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD**

### Reading of the Word of God: *Psalms 25*

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD,

pardon my guilt, for it is great.

- 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- 13 His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.
- 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
- 20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: “Days of Trouble: The Path to Honor”

## 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 606, "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"*  
(Stanzas 1,3,4)

- 1 Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!  
thy guiding grace afford--teach me thy way!  
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;  
lead me with heav'nly light, teach me thy way!
  
- 3 When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!  
When storms o'erspread the skies, teach me thy way!  
Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil, and pain;  
make thou my pathway plain, teach me thy way!
  
- 4 Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!  
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!  
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,  
until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

**GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS**

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

## Sermon Outline

**“Days of Trouble: The Path to Honor”** *Psalm 25*

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**Main point: “Since God honors His name leading His people, we can follow through the path of being humbled, assured, and matured in our faith.”**

1. Being Humbled with the Need (1-7)

2. Being Assured the Right Path (8-15)

3. Being Matured in the Faith (16-22)

# ARTICLE

## CONSIDER YOUR WAYS<sup>1</sup>

*Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. (Eze 18:28)*

When a traveller zooms through a country, the eye has little or no time to rest upon the different objects and sights in it. So, when he comes to the end of his journey, there is no distinct impression made upon his mind. He has only a hazy notion of the country through which he has passed through.

This explains how it is that death, judgment and eternity, make so little impression upon most men's minds. Most people never stop to think. They hurry on through life. Each day is but filled to the brim with the unending demands of this crazy world of fun and work, depending where your craving is.

We soon find ourselves in eternity, before having once asked the question, "What must I do to be saved?" More souls are lost through lack of consideration than in any other way. The reason why men are not awakened and made anxious for their souls is that the devil never gives them time to consider.

Therefore God cries, "Stop, poor sinner, stop and think. Consider your ways. Consider this world is not all there is. Look around you. There is so much evidence otherwise". COVID 19 is a case in point. Not only did it turn the traffic light on our life's motorway red, it showed us that man is helpless in its wake. Yes, I need to stop you in your tracks. But please use the opportunity to consider your ways. Don't busy yourself with other inconsequential things and when the lights turn green, you go on your merry ways again, oblivious to my circuit breaker.

In contrast, the devil tries to make the children of God doubt and question if there be a Providence. Or that a good God should put His people in harm's way to vindicate Himself. Else, he hurries them away to the mall, office or to his PC. Lose no time, he says, but recover your money, recession is here, the worse ever. He beguiles them away from simply looking to Jesus. He hurries them away to look at a thousand other things, as he led Peter, walking on the waters, to look around at the waves.

But God cries, "Stop, poor sinner, stop and think." And Jesus says, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. Consider the ravens, which have neither storehouse nor bam."

Let's not get distracted. Run your race, looking unto Jesus. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Consider Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. "Look to me and be saved. For I am God, and there is no other."

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Robert Murray McCheyne's Sermon - Consider The Apostle And High Priest Of Our Profession