

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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## 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 JULY 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)

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: *Psalm 67:1-3*

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: *Trinity Hymnal 437, "O God, to Us Show Mercy"*

- 1** O God, to us show mercy  
and bless us in your grace;  
cause now to shine upon us  
the brightness of your face;  
that so your way most holy  
on earth may soon be known,  
and unto ev'ry people  
your saving grace be shown.
- 2** O God, let all men praise you,  
let all the nations sing;  
in ev'ry land let praises  
and songs of gladness ring;  
for you shall judge the people  
in truth and righteousness,  
and through the earth the nations  
shall your just rule confess.

3 O God, let people praise you,  
let all the nations sing,  
for earth in rich abundance  
to us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us,  
our God shall blessing send,  
and all the earth shall fear him  
to its remotest end.

## **GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON**

Call to Repentance: *Exodus 20:7*

<sup>7</sup> You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *Acts 13:38,39*

<sup>38</sup> Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup> and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

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

Reading of the Word of God: *Acts 7:1-53*

1 And the high priest said, "Are these things so?" 2 And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, 3 and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' 4 Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. 5 Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child. 6 And God spoke to this effect--that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years. 7 'But I will judge the nation that they serve,' said God, 'and after that they shall come out and worship me in this place.' 8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs. 9 "And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him 10 and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. 11 Now

there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit. 13 And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. 14 And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all. 15 And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers, 16 and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

17 "But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt 18 until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. 19 He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. 20 At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, 21 and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. 22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. 23 "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. 25 He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. 26 And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?' 27 But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' 29 At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

30 "Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord: 32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. 33 Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.' 35 "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'--this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. 36 This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. 37 This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.' 38 This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living

oracles to give to us. 39 Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, 40 saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands.

42 But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: "'Did you bring to me slain beasts and sacrifices, during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? 43 You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.' 44 "Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. 45 Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, 46 who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.[1] 47 But it was Solomon who built a house for him. 48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, 49 "'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? 50 Did not my hand make all these things?'

51 "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *"The Face of an Angel: Delivering the Promise"*

## **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 196, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

**1** Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

**2** Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## **GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS**

Benediction

Postlude (Piano)

# Sermon Outline

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## **COUNTED AS WORTHY** *Acts 7:1-53*

**Since God delivers His promise, we are not to be stiff-necked people resisting Him when He calls us.**

1. God establishes His Baseline (1-8)
2. God sends His Deliverers. (9-37)
3. God renews His Promise. (38-53)

## **Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church Safety Measures for Worshippers**

1. Anyone who are served with Quarantine Order, Leave of Absence or Stay Home Notice are not allowed to enter the premises. Anyone who is unwell (having high fever of >37.5 degrees, non-chronic cough and running nose, sore throat or loss sense of smell/taste) are not allowed to enter the premises.
2. If yes to any of the following questions, the person will not be allowed to enter our premises.
  - a) Are there household members who are unwell with fever and/or flu-like symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath?
  - b) Have you been in prolonged closed contact with any confirmed COVID-19 patient or person on Quarantine Order (QO), Leave of Absence (LOA) and Stay-Home Notices (SHN).
3. In order to adhere to the MCCY rules of less than 50 persons per service and ensure safe distancing at premises, we have implemented registration at least 2 days before service so that we can allocate staggered arrival times. Please adhere to the time slots and assigned seats.
4. Use your QR code reader to activate the SafeEntry App for checking in and out. Two check ins and outs required while in Bible House: (1) Bible House Entrance (2) Level 4 worship venue. Encouraged to download and activate TraceTogether for contact tracing purposes.
5. Temperature will be taken before entering worship hall.
6. Compulsory to sanitize OR wash your hands upon entering church.
7. Facemasks must be worn at all times, except for permitted activities e.g. preaching, worship leading or partaking of the Lord's supper. (Please provide own masks)  
Exception: children below 2 years of age.
8. To maintain safe distancing of at least 1 m apart when in the premises. (Seats are arranged at least one metre apart between individuals and groups of 5 or less people from same family during service and classes).
9. No mingling among groups (safety bubbles) before or after Worship service, Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes as per MCCY stipulations.
10. After worship service thorough cleaning of chairs, surfaces, and door handles before commencing Sunday School/bible study. Thorough cleaning again after the Sunday school/bible classes.

*Please adhere to the safety guidelines to minimize the risk of COVID infection. Thank you for your cooperation.*