

# 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 SEPTEMBER 27,  
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

## Preparatory Devotion & 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: *Psalm 46:10-11*

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL

Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading of the Word of God: *Trinity Hymnal, Psalm 16*

Keep me safe, O God,

**for in you I take refuge.**

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**As for saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is  
all my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

**I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my  
lips.**

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot  
secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a  
delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I  
will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

**because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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

Call to Repentance: *Joel 2:12-13*

<sup>12</sup> “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup> and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer for Forgiveness

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: *1 John 1:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Reading of the Word of God: *Philippians 3:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: *“Right with God”*

## 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.**

Responsive Reading of the Word of God: *Trinity Hymnal, Psalm 32*

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed in the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was  
sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”—and you  
forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;  
**surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

You are my hiding place;

**you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

**Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.**

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

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

Benediction

Postlude

# Sermon Outline

## Right with God *Philippians 3:1-11*

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### I. Why are you not joyous and often laden with disappointments and tears in life? vv. 1-3

#### A. Because things are not right:

- With one another
- In the world
- With yourself
- With God

#### B. Because of Sin.

Sin is any failure to measure up to what God requires, or any disobedience to his commands

- “for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” It is universal
- “for the wages of sin is death...” It separates us from God
- “for just as it is appointed to die once, and after that to face judgement.” It has eternal consequences

### II. How to get right with God?

#### A. The high achiever Paul tell us some ways vv. 4-7

- Education
- Advocacy
- Religion

#### B. But Paul also concluded that all are an epic loss! vv. 8-9

In and of ourselves, there is no way to make things right in the world, with one another, with yourself and with God because of our sins. We need to look outside of ourselves at someone who is able and willing to make us right with God.

### III. The Person who is able and willing to make us right with God vv. 10-11

He is none other than Christ Jesus!

- “For God so loved the world that he gave His only son (Christ Jesus). That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” John 3.16
- Christ died on the cross to receive punishment for sins on behalf of sinners and made sinners right with God

- Christ has risen from the dead; He had won the victory over sin and death decisively
- Christ had proved without a shadow He is the one true and living God with his rising from the dead. He is able and willing to make us right with God!
- Sinners, turn from your sins and put your trust in Christ as the only way of being saved from sin, death and be right with God!