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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 NOVEMBER 8,
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

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 47:1-4

- ¹ Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- ² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 89: 1-18

- ¹ I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- ² **For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**
- ³ You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
- ⁴ **“I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.”** *Selah*
- ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- ⁶ **For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?**

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
⁷ a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
 and awesome above all who are around him?
⁸ **O Lord God of hosts,**
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?
⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;
 when its waves rise, you still them.
¹⁰ **You crushed Rahab like a carcass;**
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
¹¹ The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
 the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.
¹² **The north and the south, you have created them;**
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
¹³ You have a mighty arm;
 strong is your hand, high your right hand.
¹⁴ **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;**
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
 who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
¹⁶ **who exult in your name all the day**
and in your righteousness are exalted.
¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
 by your favor our horn is exalted.
¹⁸ **For our shield belongs to the Lord,**
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

GOD RENEWS US IN HIS SON

Call to Repentance: Isaiah 55:6-7

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.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Confession for Forgiveness:

O God, we are sorry for refusing to acknowledge that you're our Lord. We're sorry for harbouring evil thoughts about others, wicked schemes, and idols in our hearts. We've have been rebellious, and wanting only our ways.

So Lord, forgive us for our wondering hearts that's always looking out for cheap, shallow and temporary thrills like a prodigal son or daughter.

Oh Lord, bring us back to yourself by your compassion given to us in Christ Jesus.

Forgive us fully in Christ's death.

Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness and Assurance: Colossians 1:21-22

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

GOD FEEDS US WITH HIS WORD

Reading of the Word of God: Acts 12

12 About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to

him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him.¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer.¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate.¹⁵ They said to her, “You are out of your mind.” But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, “It is his angel!”¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed.¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, “Tell these things to James and to the brothers.”^[a] Then he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸ Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter.¹⁹ And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain,^[b] they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food.²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them.²² And the people were shouting, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!”²³ Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

²⁴ But the word of God increased and multiplied.

²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned from^[c] Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word of God: "In Crisis and Transitions"

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: Psalm 77:11-20

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

¹² **I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.**

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?

¹⁴ **You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.**

¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

¹⁶ **When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
indeed, the deep trembled.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water;
the skies gave forth thunder;
your arrows flashed on every side.

**¹⁸The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹Your way was through the sea,
your path through the great waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.

**²⁰You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

GOD SENDS US OFF WITH HIS BLESSINGS

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline

In Crisis and Transitions

Acts 12:1-25

Main Point: As God has the last word in our situations, we must come to ourselves when we are in crisis and transitions.

Outline

- I) Reflecting on the reality of our lives in a crisis. (1-5)

- II) Awakening to the reality that we can rely on in our crisis and transitions. (9-17)

- III) Coming to ourselves with God's words directing our transitions. (18-25)