

The Lord's Service

March 18th, 2012

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude

Exhortation The Characteristics of a Worshiping People

Call to Worship *(Please Stand)*

Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 18:20; 28:19*

People: Amen.

Salutation: **The Lord be with you!** *Ruth 2:4*

And also with you!

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1-2

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *Psalm 121:1-2*

Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9). Therefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come, let us worship and bow down. *Psalm 95:6*

All: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we are most miserably helpless before our adversaries. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your forgiveness and deliverance, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness (Ex. 34:6). He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities (Ps. 103:10). Know surely, your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord (Acts 13:38).

All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Hymn of Faith: *(Please Stand)*

Cantus, Psalm 5, pgs. 6-7

People: Amen!

Insert, Wide Open Are Thy Hands

People: Amen!

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

*Responsive Psalm

Psalm 22:25-28, 30-31

Pastor: From you is my praise in the great assembly;

People: My vows I will pray before those who fear him.

The afflicted will eat and be satisfied;

They will praise Yahweh, those who seek Him.

May your hearts live forever!

They will remember and return to Yahweh,

All the ends of the earth!

They will bow before you,

All the families of the nations!

Because to Yahweh belongs the kingdom,

And He rules in the nations!

A seed will serve him;

It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation.

They will come and declare his righteousness

To a people to be born, that He has done this!

All: Amen! Yes, Amen!

Confession of the Nicene Creed (*Please be seated*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and
the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 92:1, 2)

Sung Lord's Prayer (*Please Stand*)

Reading of God's Word

Old Covenant Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

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Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: John 3:14-21

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Faith: *Cantus*, Psalm 42, vss. 1-4, pg. 76
Cantus, Come Thou Almighty King, pg. 345

People: Amen!

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Psalm 107:1-9

Title: Lent in the Psalter: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

Prayer for Illumination

Offertory: (Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: "You will never appear before Me empty-handed"

Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

(Please Stand)

Hymn: *Cantus*, My Song is Love Unknown, pgs. 366-367

People: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

People: Amen.

God Communes With Us

Observance of Holy Communion *(Please be seated)*

Passing of the Bread ("*The Lord be with you*" "*The Lord bless you*")

Passing of the Wine ("*The Peace of Christ be with you*" "*And also with you*")

Congregational Response *Gloria Patri*

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

God Commissions Us

The Lord's Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus declares, *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and disciple all the nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, by teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

People: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

AMEN! *Psalm 145:21*

Closing Hymn: *Insert*, Lift up your heads!

People: Amen!

Pastor: Go in Peace to Love and to Serve the Risen Christ!

All: Amen!

Welcome

In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to him as both Liberator and Lord. If you are a visitor of Providence Church, we are grateful that you have joined us in our highest privilege, worshipping the Triune God. We hope you stay and talk with us after the service so that we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk with Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free either to call him at 850.377.3049 or to email him at uriesou@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.providencepensacola.org

Sermon Outline:

- Psalm 107 has been called a Psalm of Desperation.
- The Hebrew word *hesed* communicates God's covenant faithfulness (vs. 1).
- Is our thanksgiving vague?
- Ruth is a redemption model for Israel.
- God gathers his children after the Babylonian captivity (vs. 3).
- Lost in the desert building Babels.
- They were stripped of all comfort (vss.4-9)
- Yahweh rescues and makes a way.
- God cleanses his Bride to prepare them to be who they were called to be.

“If hunger brings us to our knees it is more useful to us than feasting; if thirst drives us to the fountain it is better than the deepest flow of worldly joys.”

– Charles Spurgeon

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