

The Lord's Service

April 13th 2014

Palm Sunday

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude Lydia Harris
Exhortation To Rule and Defend Us

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...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: 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!

Hymns of Faith: (*Please Stand*)

Psalm 2, pgs. 4-5

People: Amen.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor, pg. 268

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 51:9-19

For the director. A psalm. By David, When Nathan the prophet came to him, As he had come to Bathsheba.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins,

People: And all my liabilities blot out.

A clean heart create in me, O God,

And a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Do not cast me away from before you,

And your holy Spirit do not take from me.

Return to me the gladness of your salvation,

And with a willing spirit support me.

I will teach rebels your way,

And sinners to you will return.

Free me from bloodguiltiness, O God, God of my salvation,

And my tongue will celebrate your righteousness.

Lord, my lips you will open,

And my mouth will declare your praise,

For you do not desire sacrifice, or I would give it;

In Ascension offering you do not delight.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A heart broken and crushed, O God, you do not despise.

Do good, in your favor, to Zion;

You will build the walls of Jerusalem.

Then you will be pleased with righteous sacrifices, Ascension offering and Whole offering.

Then they will make bulls ascend on your altar.

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 & Sung Lord's Prayer (see hymnal's back cover)

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your Steadfast Love Endures Forever!

Reading of God's Word (**Please Stand**)

Old Covenant Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

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

Epistle Reading: Philipians 2:5-11

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: John 12:12-19

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

Hymn of Faith: Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty, Insert

People: Amen!

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Zechariah 9:9-12

Title: How Palm Sunday Fulfills Old Covenant Narratives

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

Pastor: Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Hymn: Arise Sons of the Kingdom, Insert

People: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

God Communes With Us

Celebration 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, A-men, A-men.

God Commissions Us

The Lord's Commission *Matthew 28:18-20*

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: The Son of God Goes Forth to War, pg. 282

People: Amen!

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Threefold Amen

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

All: Amen!

Postlude

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

Children's Questions:

- I. What do garments represent?
- II. Are the priests in Zechariah defiled (unclean)?
- III. Where does Yahweh ride?
- IV. Draw a picture of the crowd crying out for Jesus.

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Comings of Jesus
- II. The Passover Background
- III. The Symbolism of Branches and Garments
- IV. Jesus Re-Enacts Old Covenant Narratives (especially Zechariah's)
 - a. The Jehu Narrative (II Kings 9)
 - b. Zechariah's Narrative (Zac. 9:8-12)
 - i. Zechariah Details the Re-Building of the Temple
 - ii. The Temple is Defiled, so it Cannot be Re-Built
 - iii. It Depicts the Humiliation of Opposing Powers
 - iv. The People's Reaction to the Coming of Yahweh in Zechariah
- V. Kings Ride Donkeys (I Kings 1:33-44 & II Samuel 13:29)
- VI. The King of Peace Come

Announcements:

- Vespers Service each Wednesday evening through Lent at 6:30pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service April 17th 6:30pm
- Good Friday Joint Service April 18th 6:30pm at Christ Church
- Also on Good Friday: We will be singing at the Abortion clinic at 7:00AM The Micah 6:8 study is canceled for that day.
- Easter Sunday Breakfast 8:00AM We are looking for volunteers to cook that morning. Please see Ron Smith to enjoy a little sunrise service.

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