

The Lord's Service

Second Sunday in Lent
March 20th, 2011

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude Mrs. Wendy Phillips
Exhortation: Living Servanthood in God's Household

Interlude

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 (1 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)

All: Most merciful God,

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

Hymns of Faith: (*Please Stand*)

Cantus, Psalm 23, pg. 38

People: Amen!

Cantus, O, Sacred Head, Now Wounded, pg. 263

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 23*

Pastor: Yahweh is my Shepherd,

People: Nothing shall I lack.

In green pastures He makes me lie down;

Beside quiet waters He leads me.

My soul He restores;

He leads me in righteous paths for His name's sake.

Even though I walk in a valley of deep darkness, I will fear no evil;

For You are with me,

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare before me a table in the presence of mine enemies.

You fatten my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in Yahweh's house to the end of days.

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 and Lord's Prayer

Psalm 65:5

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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

Old Covenant Reading: *Genesis 12:1-9*

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

Epistle Reading: *Romans 4:1-8*

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: *John 3:1-17*

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

Hymn of Faith: *Cantus*, O, the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus, pg. 264
People: Amen!

Sermon: Rev. Uriesou T. Brito
Text: *John 3:1-17*

Title: The True Temple: Light and Salvation for the World
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*, What Wondrous Love is This, pg. 335
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: *Cantus*, And Can It Be That I Should Gain, pg. 286
People: Amen!

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*
Three-Fold 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

Sermon Outline:

- The Priestly Gospel
- The Insufficiency of Old Priests; the Sufficiency of the New and Final Priest.
- Jesus as True Temple
- The Typology of the Night
- Earthly Pictures (Water, Wind, etc.)
- The Future and the Heavenly Origin of Salvation
- The Future of the Kingdom Grounded in the Love of the Past
- The Gospel of the Trinity
- The Greatness of the Heavenly Population
- Abiding in Light

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