

The Lord's Service

February 26th, 2012

The First Sunday in Lent

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude

Exhortation Avoiding Worldly Delicacies

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)

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 134, pg. 172

People: Amen!

Cantus, Rejoice, the Lord is King, pg. 326

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 25

Pastor: To you, Yahweh,

People: I lift up my soul!

My God, in you I trust: do not let me be shamed;

Do not let my enemies triumph over me.

Indeed, all who wait for you will not be shamed;

Shamed will be those who deal treacherously without cause.

Your ways, Yahweh, make me know!

Your paths, teach me!

Make me walk in your trustworthiness and teach me,

Because you are the God of my salvation;

You I have awaited all the day.

Remember your mercies, Yahweh, and your loyalties,

Because they are from everlasting.

Sins of my youth and my transgressions do not remember;

According to your loyalty remember me
Because of your goodness, Yahweh.

Good and upright is Yahweh;
Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the afflicted in justice
And he teaches the afflicted his way.
All Yahweh's paths are loyalty and trustworthiness
For those who guard his covenant and his testimonies.
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) and Sung Lord's Prayer (see insert)

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

Old Covenant Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**
Epistle Reading: James 1:12-18
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**
Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: Mark 1:9-15
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, Psalm 130, pg. 167
People: Amen!

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito
Text: Psalm 25:1-10

Title: Lent: David's Distress and Deliverance

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: *Insert*, Psalm 117
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! *Psalms 145:21*

Closing Hymn: *Cantus, And Can It Be That I Should Gain, 286-287*

People: Amen!

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*
Three-Fold Amen & Postlude

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:

- In the Psalms, the saints speak to God
- David is speaking on behalf of the Bride (vs.22)
- The 25th Psalm is an inspired acrostic
- The Psalm begins as a liturgical call (vs. 1)
- David is jealous for God’s reputation (vs. 2)
- God’s promise serves as an example of world history (vs. 3)
- We cheerfully wait when we are certain that we will not wait in vain
- God’s forgiveness is on the basis of his goodness (vss.7-8)
- David asks God to act on the basis of his covenant faithfulness
- God instructs the humble and the faithful (vss.9-10)

“...men sin because they will sin, not because it is either profitable or reasonable to do so.”—Charles Spurgeon

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