

# *The Lord's Service*

March 10th, 2013

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*God is Renewing Covenant With His People*

*God Calls Us and Cleanses Us*

Prelude

Exhortation: A Lenten Exhortation

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!"

*Psalms 122:1-2*

**Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*Psalms 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. *Psalms 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*)

*Cantus, Psalm 22, pg. 34*

People: Amen!

*Cantus, Psalm 40, pg. 74*

**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 & 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: Isaiah 12:1-16

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

Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 5:16-21

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: Luke 15:11-32

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

Hymn of Faith: *Cantus*, How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, pg. 307

**People: Amen!**

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Luke 15:11-32

Title: Lent: The Merciful Father

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

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

Hymn: *Cantus*, How Sweet and Awful is the Place, pg. 258

**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, Amen, Amen.

*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!** *Psalms 145:21*

Closing Hymn: *Cantus*, O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High! pg. 317

**People: Amen!**

Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Three-Fold 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](mailto:uriesou@gmail.com). Please visit our website at [www.providencepensacola.org](http://www.providencepensacola.org)

### Questions for our Covenant Children

- How many times does Pastor Brito say the word “prodigal” in his sermon?
- Why does this story teach us about our God? Discuss with your parents.

### Sermon Outline:

- What is the Story About?
- The Father and the Younger Son (vss. 11-24)
- We should never lose hope.
- The context of the son’s request.
- The son longed to be fed pig’s food.
- The Story of the *The Running Father*.
- God’s promise to restore Israel’s fortunes.
- The Father and the Older Brother (vss. 25-32)
- The older son reacts with contempt.
- He represents the Pharisees of the day.
- He did not rejoice with those who rejoice.
- The promise is for Jews and Gentiles.
- Doubt and Restoration

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Announcements: March 28<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday, 6PM at Providence