

# The Lord's Service

March 24th, 2013

Palm Sunday

*God is Renewing Covenant With His People*

*God Calls Us and Cleanses Us*

Prelude

Exhortation: Bringing in New Members

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 36, pgs. 66-67*

People: Amen!

*Insert, My Heart Is Longing to Praise My Savior*

**People: Amen!**

*God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

\*Responsive Psalm *Psalms 149*

Pastor: Praise Yah!

Sing to Yahweh a new song,

**People: His praise in the assembly of the beloved ones.**

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker!

**The sons of Zion, let them exult in their King!**

Let them praise His name with dancing!

**With tambourine and lyre let them play music to Him!**

For Yahweh is delighting in His people,

**Crowning the oppressed with salvation.**

Let the beloved ones be jubilant in glory;

**Let them sing for joy upon their beds.**

The high praises of the Mighty One be in their throats,

**And a sword of two-edges in their hands,**

To execute vengeance upon the nations,

**Punishments upon the peoples!**

To bind their kings with fetters,

**And their nobles with shackles of iron.**

To carry out against them the sentence written:

**This is the splendor of all His beloved ones.**

**All: Praise Yah! Halleluiah!**

*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: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

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

Epistle Reading: Philippians 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: *Cantus*, All Glory, Laud, and Honor, pg. 268

**People: Amen!**

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: John 12:12-19

Title: Palm Sunday: The King of Peace and War

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

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

Hymn: *Cantus*, Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted, pg. 265

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

**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 [unesou@gmail.com](mailto:unesou@gmail.com). Please visit our website at [www.providencepensacola.org](http://www.providencepensacola.org)

Notes:

Questions for our Covenant Children

- How many times does Pastor Brito mention the name "Lazarus" in his sermon?
- What do the branches of the Palm Trees symbolize?

Sermon Outline:

- The God of Passion: Consuming the Mystery of our Salvation
- The God Who Comes For Us
- The Lamb Of God
- The Symbolism of the Palm Branches
- Jesus' Royal Transportation
- The God of Jews and Greeks
- Embracing Jesus' Agenda

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Announcements:

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

March 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, 6PM at Providence (with Christ Church)

March 31<sup>st</sup>, Easter Breakfast before Covenant Renewal, 8AM