

The Lord's Service

May 12th, 2013

The Ascension of our Lord

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude Rev. James B. Jordan
Exhortation: Mothers as a New Eve
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!

Christ is Risen! *I Corinthians 15*

He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

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 20, The Lord Hear Thee in Troubled Times, pgs. 28-29

People: Amen!

Crown Him With Many Crowns, pg. 293

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 47

O clap your hands, all you peoples!

Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

For Yahweh most high is awesome;

A great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us,

And the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us,

The excellence of Jacob, whom He loves.

God has ascended amidst a shout,

Yahweh amidst the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God!

Sing praises!

Sing praises to our King!

Sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing praises with understanding.

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on His holy throne.

The princes of the peoples have gathered together

As the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God.

He is greatly exalted.

Blessed be Yahweh God, the God of Israel,

Who alone does wondrous works.

Yes, blessed be His glorious name everlastingly,

And may His glory fill the whole earth.

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**)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: Luke 24:44-53

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

God.

Hymn of Faith: Look Ye Saints the Sight is Glorious, *Insert*

People: Amen!

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Luke 24:44-53

Title: Ascension Sunday: The Enthronement of the Vindicated Messiah

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

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

Hymn: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High! Pg. 317

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! *Psalm 145:21*

Closing Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, *Insert*

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. Please visit our website at www.providencepensacola.org

Questions for our Covenant Children

- What is the Purpose of the Calendar?
- How Many Times does Pastor Brito say the word “Ascension?”
- Explain to your parents after worship what the ascension means.

Outline:

- Ecclesiastical and Civil Calendars
- Being Shaped by the Calendar
- What is the Ascension?
- The Marriage of Heaven and Earth
- Luke Ends in Ascension Joy
- We are to live Ascension lives as Proof that Christ has Ascended
- The House of Joy

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