



PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

April 1st 2018

Easter Sunday

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ 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 we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk to Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free to either call him at 850.377.3049 or to email him at uriesou@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.providencpensacola.org.

Easter Lesson:

Athanasius once said that the resurrection leaves traces everywhere. When we say every square inch of creation belongs to our Lord, when we say the world is being re-created, when we say the gospel is going forth to all the nations, when we say Satan has been defeated, when we say the head of the serpent was crushed by the greater David, when we say that the kingdoms of this world shall be the kingdoms of our Lord, when we say the light of the Gospel is prevailing, when we say worship is holy warfare, when we say come and eat, when we say sing a new song to the Lord, when we say "The peace of the Lord be with you," when we say "The Lord bless you," when we say go into all the world, when we say He shall reign forever and ever, we are declaring to the world Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The world is filled with this message today because the tomb could not contain He who was raised by the Father for our Justification.

And this is what this covenant renewal is: a post-resurrection reminder of the things Jesus did and said he would do for us. In short, he will call, cleanse, consecrate, commune, and commission us. Worship is a kind of review class for the test of life. If we know our hearts, we know that we are prone to wander and forget. So come brothers and sisters, let us remember what Christ has done for us on this Easter Sunday

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Prelude

Mrs. Lydia Dearington

Exhortation

Undeafated

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

People: And also with you!

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

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, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that 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 grace, 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. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day 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)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, pg. 270

People: Amen.

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

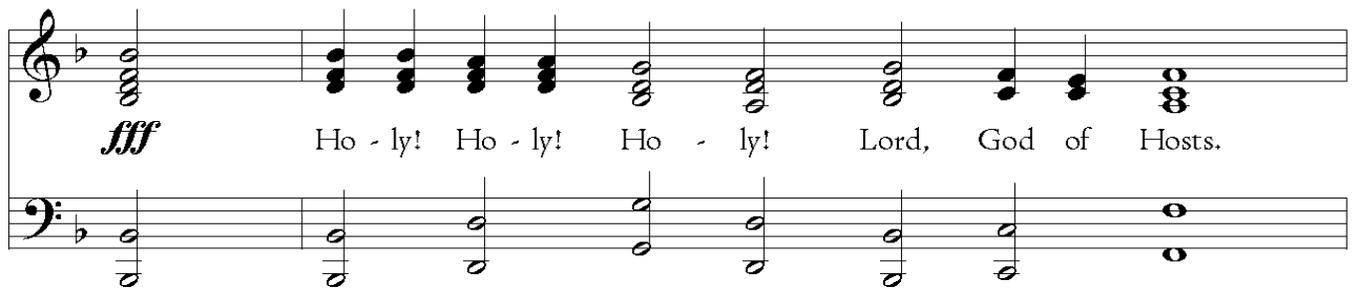
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us Give Thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

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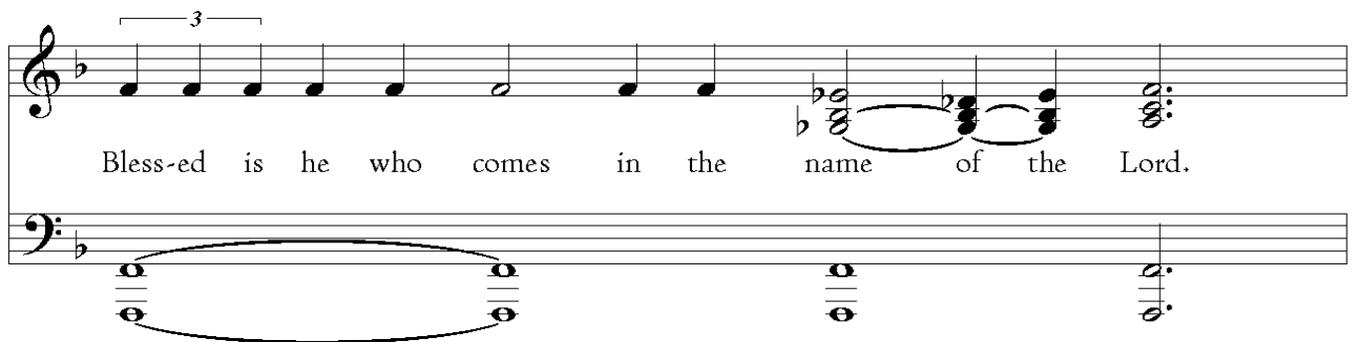
Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



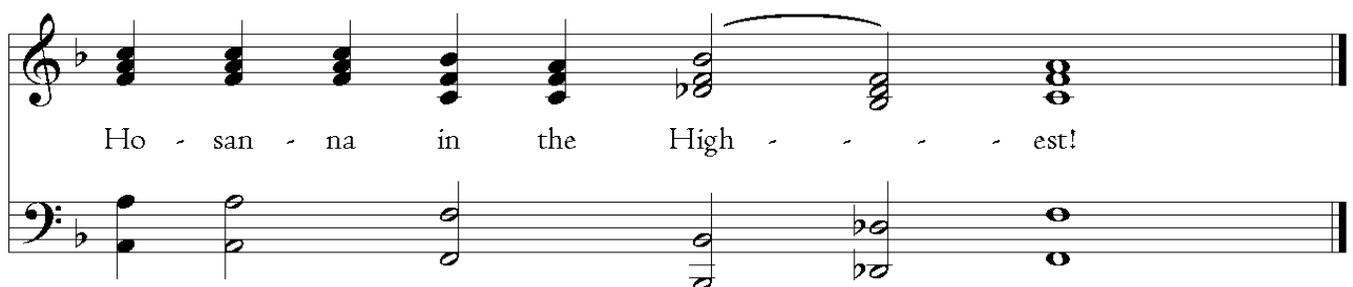
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.



Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the High-est!



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the High-est!

Pastor: Guard me, God,

People: Because I take refuge in you!

You have said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord.

There is nothing good for me apart from you."

As for the holy ones who are in the land,

"They are also majestic. All my delight is in them."

Multiplied are their troubles who set a bride-price with another.

I will not pour out their libations of blood

And will not take their names upon my lips.

Yahweh is my allotted portion and my cup;

You yourself will hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

Yes, my inheritance is pleasing to me.

I will bless Yahweh who has counseled me;

Yes, by night my heart instructs me.

I have set Yahweh before me continually;

Because he is at my right hand I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;

Yes, my flesh will dwell in security,

Because you will not abandon my soul to Sheol

Nor will you make your holy one to see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;

Fullness of joys are with your face;

Pleasures are in your right hand forever.

Amen

All: Yes. AMEN!

Confession of the Nicene Creed (*please remain standing*)

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 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 25:6-9

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

New Covenant Reading:

I Corinthians 15:1-11

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Mark 16:1-8

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

Hymn of Faith:

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, pg. 269

People: Amen.

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

Resurrection Awe
(Outline on last page)

Text

Mark 16:1-8

Offertory:

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

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

Hymn of Response

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound, pgs. 272-273

People: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: *Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?*

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.

We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings

In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,

The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world. Amen.

God Communes With Us

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

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, A-men, A-men.

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:

Hail Thee Festival Day! (Insert)

People: Amen!

Benediction

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Threefold Amen

Pastor: *Go in Peace to Love and to Serve our Risen Christ!*

All: Amen!

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Easter

Refrain

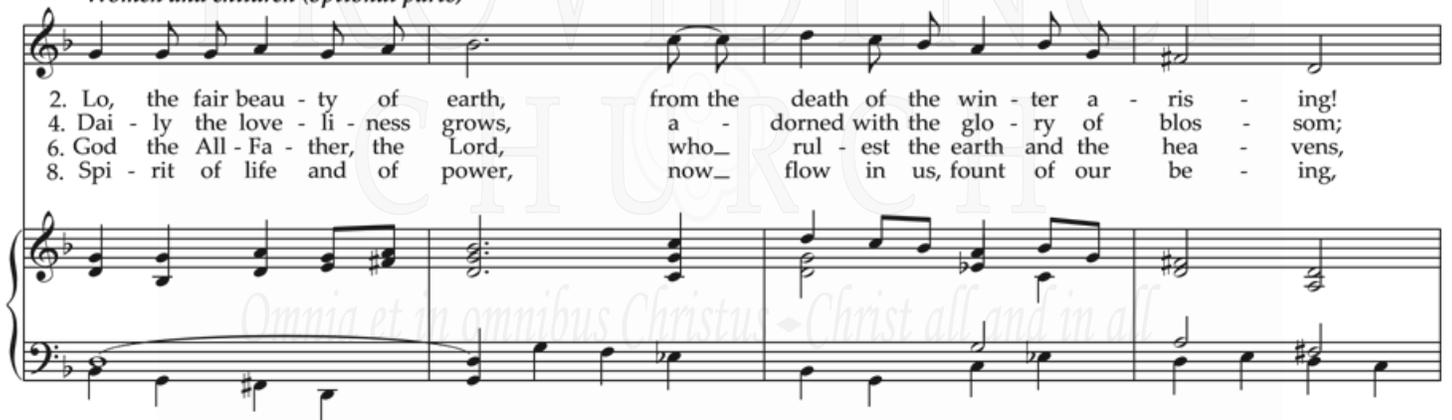


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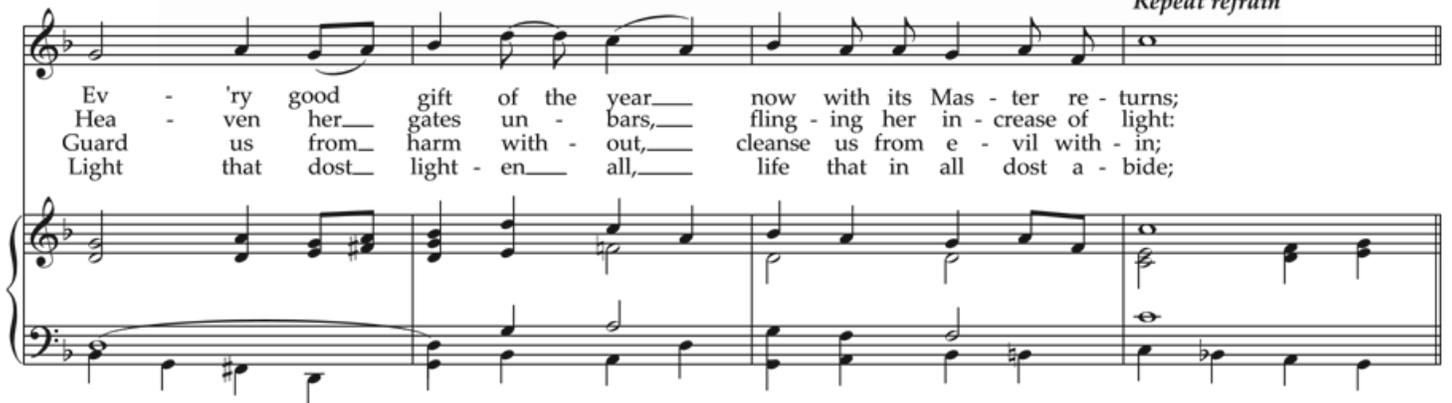
Day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the king - dom of death.

Women and children (optional parts)



2. Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter a - ris - ing!
4. Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the glo - ry of blos - som;
6. God the All - Fa - ther, the Lord, who - rul - est the earth and the hea - vens,
8. Spi - rit of life and of power, now - flow in us, fount of our be - ing,

Repeat refrain



Ev - 'ry good gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns;
Hea - ven her gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
Guard us from harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in;
Light that dost light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide;

Men (optional parts)

3. He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of all men;
5. Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and cre - a - tion.
7. Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our minds, thou Re - deem - er,
9. Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art au - thor of con - cord,

Repeat refrain

All things cre - a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
Tread - ing the path - way of death, life thou be - stow - est on man:
Son of the Fa - ther su - preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
Pour out thy balm on our souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

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Announcements:

Please exercise care when moving furniture or eating in the Grand Hall. We are trying to keep the space nice for Kandace Trotter's wedding reception this weekend.

Vespers': April 11th followed by Pizza and Salad Dinner

No Men's Study until April 17th, which will be our last study in Ecclesiastes. We will be starting the Gospel of Mark on May 1st. Please let Pastor Stout know if you would like a study book.

Ladies Study is April 23rd. Chapter 5 of Feminine Threads.

Couples Cocktail Shower for Kanaan Trotter and Lauren Abens Sunday April 8th at 6:30 pm hosted by the Traylor and Greggs, at the Gregg home

Upcoming Summer Schedule:

Psalm-Roar and Summer Book Study (Dates to be announced)

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Outline:

Sermon Text: Mark 16:1-8

I. Museum Curators

II. The Meaninglessness of an Occupied Tomb

III. The WOW of an Atheist

IV. Mark 16 as a Series of Divine Interventions

- a. Anointing of a King at Birth and Death**
- b. The Priority of Worship**
- c. The Intervention of an Angel**
- d. The Volume of the Resurrection**
- e. Seized with Astonishment**

V. Resurrection Awe

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