



PROVIDENCE  
CHURCH

*Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all*

**A Reformed Evangelical Congregation**

## **The Lord's Service**

**April 15th 2018**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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

***God is Renewing His Covenant With His People***

***God Calls Us And Cleanses Us***

Prelude

Mrs. Lydia Dearington

Exhortation

We are a Singing People

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)***

***Psalm 128, Blessed the Man that Feared Jehovah, pg. 166***

**People: Amen.**

## God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts!*

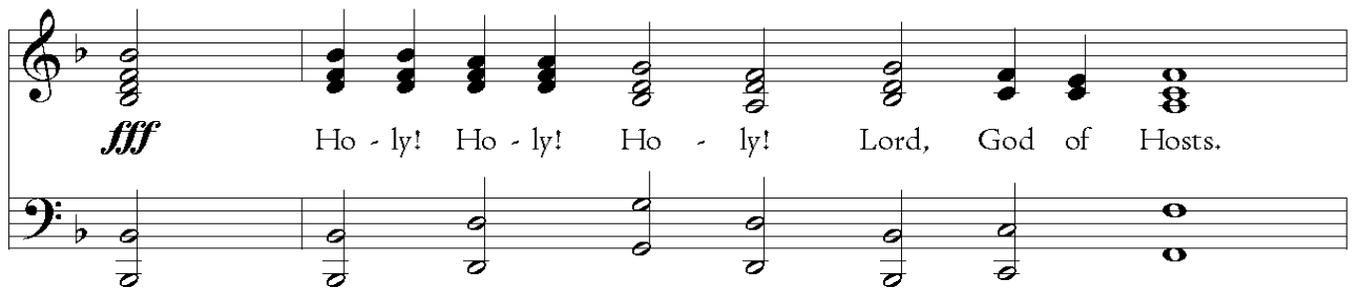
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*Let us Give Thanks to the Lord our God!*

**It is proper and right to do so.**

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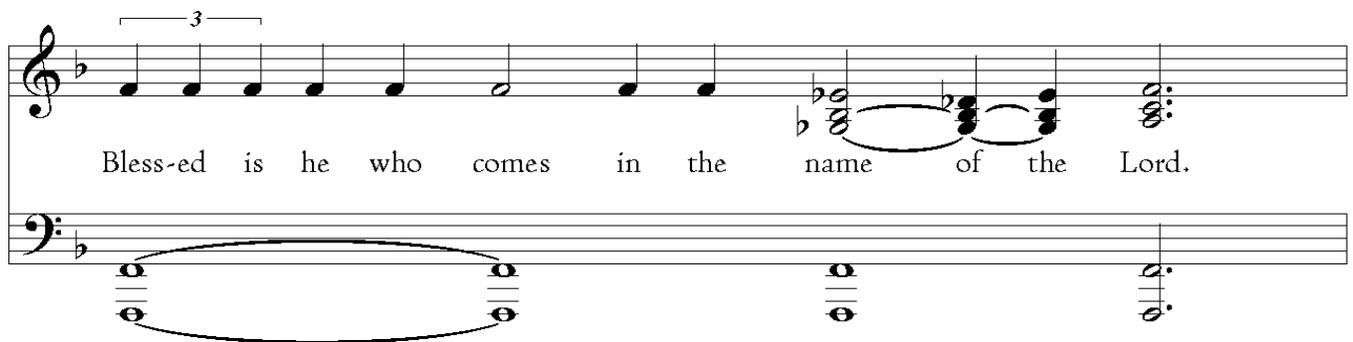
Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify 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: Yahweh, do not rebuke me in Your anger,*

**People: Nor in Your wrath chasten me.**

*Be gracious to me, Yahweh, for I am pining away;*

**Heal me, Yahweh, for my bones are agonizing.**

*And my soul is in great anguish;*

**But You, Yahweh, how long?**

*Turn, Yahweh! Rescue my soul!*

**Save me because of Your lovingkindness!**

*For in death there is no memorial for You;*

**In Sheol who will give You thanks?**

*I am weary with my sighing; all night long I flood my bed;*

**With my tears I drench my couch.**

*My eye grows weak with sorrow;*

**It is becoming old because of all my adversaries.**

*Depart from me, all you who do iniquity,*

**For Yahweh has heard the sound of my weeping.**

*Yahweh has heard my supplication,*

**Yahweh accepts my prayer.**

*Disgraced and greatly dismayed are all my enemies!*

**They turn back, disgraced instantly!**

*Praise to Yahweh, the God of Israel!*

**From everlasting**

*and unto everlasting.*

**Amen! 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, bear our prayer!*

**People: For Your Steadfast Love Endures Forever!**

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

First New Covenant Reading:

1 Peter 1:1-12

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

Second New Covenant Reading:

Acts 2:5-24

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

John 20:24-31

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

**Hymn of Faith:**

**Lead On, O King Eternal, pg. 312**

**People: Amen.**

Sermon:

Pastor Alan Stout

Title:

I Peter Series, pt. 1: The Paradox of Christian Suffering  
(Outline on last page)

Text

1 Peter 1:1-12

Offertory:

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

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

**Hymn of Response**

**What Wondrous Love is This, pg. 335**

**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:*

*The Day of Resurrection! (Insert)*

**People: Amen!**

Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Threefold Amen

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

**All: Amen!**

## 233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

## Announcements:

Sunday School continues today.

Men's Study 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. 6:30pm at the home of Mary Stout. This will be our last study until the fall.

Upcoming Summer Schedule:

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

Outline:

Sermon Text: I Peter 1:1-12

- I. The Paradox of Christian Suffering
  - a. Peter addresses the lambs.
  - b. Elect and yet strangers
- II. Your identity is in Christ. The remainder of this letter is a long exhortation to live in hope.
- III. Your identity in Christ is foretold by the prophets.
- IV. They preached the Good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.

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