



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

March 22nd 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.

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Church

GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude:

Mrs. Laura Scott/Mrs. Danielle Poorman

Call to Worship

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!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1-2

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Maker of Heaven and Earth!

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.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down!

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Let all who are able kneel)*

Psalm 95:6

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 lovingkindness. 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!**

Psalm of Faith

Psalm 9, O Lord Most High (Insert)

O LORD Most High

Based on Psalm 9

A G D

1. ¹O LORD most high, with all my heart Thy won-drous works I
3. ⁹The LORD is our se - cu - ri - ty, A re - fuge strong for

G Asus A D A C# Bm G

will pro - claim; ²¹ will be glad and give Thee thanks And sing the
all op - pressed, A safe re - treat, where wear - y souls In troub - lous

A Bm A C# G D F# G A D

prais - es of Thy name, And sing the prais - es of Thy name.
times may sure - ly rest, In troub - lous times may sure - ly rest.

G B D F# A Bm A G D F#

2. ⁷The LORD, the ev - er - last - ing King, Is seat - ed on His
4. ¹⁰All they, O LORD, who know Thy name Their con - fi - dence will
5. ¹¹Sing prais - es to the LORD most high; To Him who in Zi - on

Asus A G D F# F#7 Bm7 G

throne; ⁸The right - eous Judge of all the world Will make His
place, For Thou hast ne'er for - sak - en them Who ear - nest -
dwells; De - clare His might - y deeds a - broad, His deeds a -

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A Bm A C# G D F# G A D

per - fect jus - tice known, Will make His per - fect jus - tice known.
ly have sought Thy face, Who ear - nest - ly have sought Thy face.
mong the na - tions tell, His deeds a - mong the na - tions tell.

GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

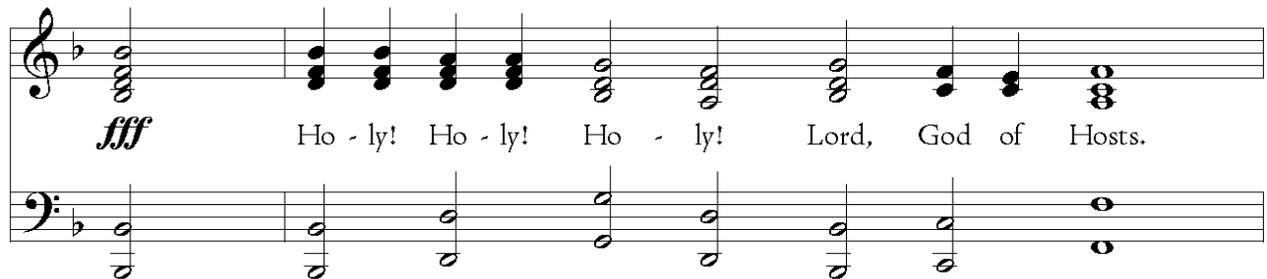
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.

SANCTUS

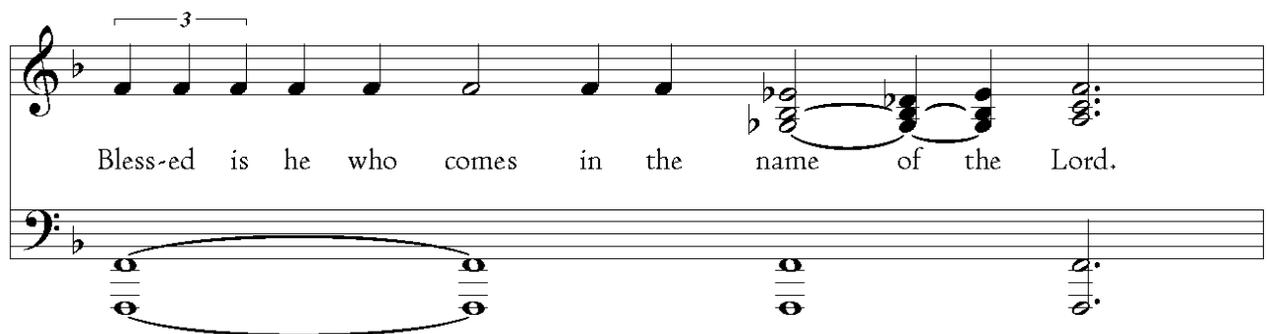
Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify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



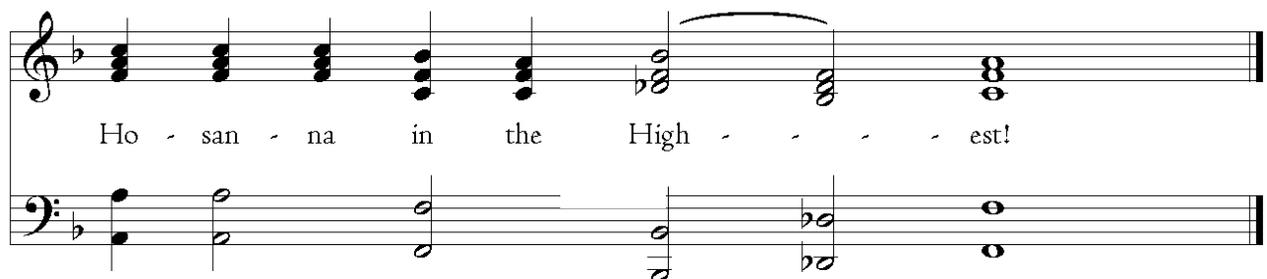
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.



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!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 9:1-10

Pastor: To the director of music. To the tune of "The Death of the Son." Psalm By David.

I will give thanks to Yahweh with all my heart;

People: I will tell of all Your wonders

I will rejoice and I will exult in You;

I will play music to Your Name, Most High.

When my enemies turn back,

They stumble and they perish before You.

For You maintain my right and my cause;

You sit enthroned, judging righteously.

You have rebuked the nations;

You have destroyed the wicked.

Their name You have blotted out everlastingly and forever;

The enemy: They are overtaken – endless ruins.

And cities You have uprooted – the very memory of them has perished.

But Yahweh sits everlastingly enthroned;

He has established His throne for judgment,

And it is He who will judge the world in righteousness;

He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

And He is Yahweh, a stronghold for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble,

They will trust in You, those who know Your Name,

For You have not forsaken those who seek You, Yahweh.

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

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading:

1 Samuel 2:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant 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:

Matthew 6:1-8

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Faith:

Lift High the Cross (Insert, vss. 1-5)

SERMON

Pastor: Uri Brito

Title: Strategies for Fighting Satan, pt. 8, Final (Outline back page)

Text: Ephesians 6:18-20

OFFERTORY

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

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

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.

Lift High The Cross

MISSIONS

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

Till all the world a - dore His sac - red Name.

Verse

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2. Led on their way this tri - um - phant sign,
 3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 4. This is the sign which Sa - tan's le - gions fear
 5. Saved by this Cross where - - on their Lord was slain,

To Refrain

our King vic - - tor - - ious, Christ the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 Bears on the brow the seal of Him Who died.
 and an - - gels veil their fa - ces to re - vere.
 the sons of A - - dam their lost home re - gain.

6. From north and south, from east and west
 they raise in growing unison their songs of praise.
 Refrain

7. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as
 thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. Refrain

8. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory. Refrain

9. Let every race and every language tell of him who
 saves our souls from death and hell. Refrain

10. From farthest regions let their homage bring,
 and on his Cross adore their Savior King. Refrain

11. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
 beneath the shadow of its healing peace. Refrain

12. For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
 creation's praises
 rise before thy throne. Refrain

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.

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!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Hymn:

Lift High the Cross (Insert, vss. 6-12)

People: Amen!

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace to love and to serve our Risen Lord!

All: Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check your email

OUTLINE

Text: Ephesians 6:18-20

The marks of the church change a bit depending on traditions, but these three remain constant: word, sacrament, and prayer. We have a good grasp on the first two, but often the clearest one is the least practiced. Why is prayer such a small part of the evangelical ethos? Part of the problem is that it is trivialized in the world. Politicians often throw out "thoughts and prayers" after any emergency. Atheists sometimes rightly mock us. And they should, especially when thoughts and prayers are uttered by non-church attendees or nominal religionists. But the Bible is rich when it comes to prayer. It is far from a trivial act of the Christian, but the very means of participating in the life of the Spirit.

- I. The Normalcy of Prayer
- II. Prayer in the Evangelical Church
- III. The Variety of Prayers
- IV. Prayer as Participation in the Life of the Spirit
- V. Practicing Prayer:
 - a. Meaningfully: Writing Biblical Prayers
 - b. Communally: Praying as a Body
 - c. Historically: Praying with Augustine and Luther

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