



# Providence Church

**A Reformed Evangelical Congregation**

## **THE LORD'S SERVICE**

April 5th 2020

Palm Sunday

*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.*

Providence  
Church



## GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

### GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude:

*Mrs. Laura Scott*

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**

**People: Amen**

**Psalm 6, Gently, Gently Lay Your Rod (Insert)**

# Gently, Gently Lay Your Rod

Based on Psalm 6

Em C E Em D# F# G D C2 G D F#

1. Gen - tly, gen - tly lay Your rod On my sin - ful heart, O GOD;  
 2. My soul is in great dis - tress: Send, O send Your pro - mised rest!  
 3. Who with - in the si - lent grave Will re - call or give You praise?  
 4. So de - part from me, a - way! Men of e - vil, be a - shamed!

5 Em C E Em D C Bm7 C D Em

Stay Your wrath! In mer - cy, stay, Or I sink be - fore its sway.  
 LORD, I cry, "How long? How long?" My great need has been my song.  
 LORD, my trem - bling soul now give Words of grace and I will live.  
 For the LORD has heard my cry, As my pray'r a - scends on high.

9 C G D F# Em G D C G

Heal me, for my flesh is weak; Heal me, for Your grace I seek.  
 Look, O LORD, with gra - cious eye, Turn and take my guilt - y life;  
 I am wear - y from the years Of the dark - ness filled with tears.  
 Lo! He comes! He heeds my plea. Lo! He comes! the shad - ows flee!

13 Em C E Em D C G B C D Em

This my on - ly plea I make, Heal me for Your mer - cy's sake.  
 May Your grace from Heav'n a - bove, Save me in Your stead - fast love.  
 Oh, my sight, be - cause of grief, Wastes a - way and now is weak.  
 Glo - ry round me dawns once more; Rise my spir - it and a - dore!

## GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts!*

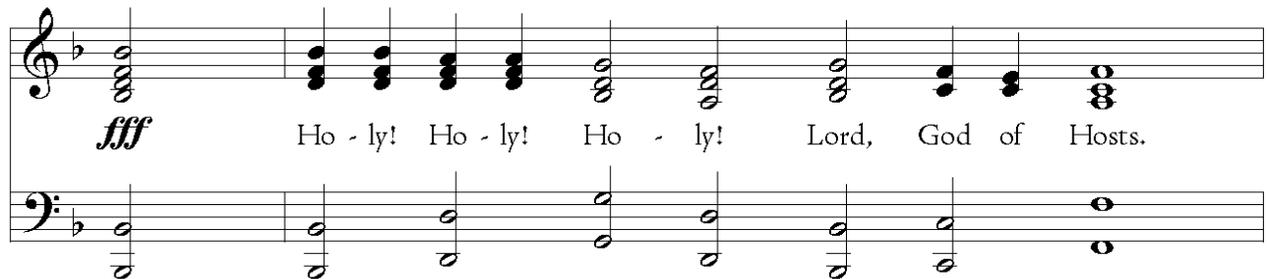
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

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

## SANCTUS

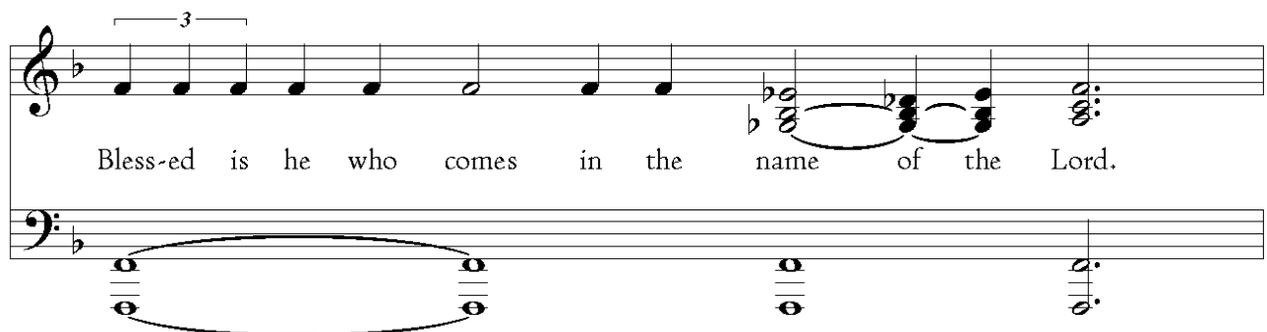
*Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify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

*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**

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:

*Zechariah 9:9-13*

*Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

New Covenant Reading:

*James 1:1-5*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Faith:**

**Ride On! Ride On! in Majesty! (Insert)**

**People: Amen**

## SERMON

Pastor: Uri Brito

Title: Psalm Sunday in an Age of Fear (Outline back page)

Text: John 12:12-19

## OFFERTORY

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

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

**Hymn of Response:**

**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! (2<sup>nd</sup> Tune) (Insert)**

**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.**

JESUS CHRIST  
TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

H. H. Milman, 1827

CREATION I. M

Arranged from Haydn

1. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty!  
2. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty!  
3. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty!  
4. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty!  
5. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty!

In low - ly pomp ride on to die:  
Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;  
The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky  
The last and fierc - est strife is nigh;  
In low - ly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue Thy road  
Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes  
The Fa - ther on His sap - phire throne  
Bow Thy meek head to mor - tal pain,

O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
Ex - pects His own A - noint - ed Son.  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
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sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

## 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:**

**All Glory, Laud and Honor (Insert)**

**People: Amen!**

Benediction:

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Threefold Amen

### **Announcements**

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

**All: Amen!**

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor 140

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1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;  
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the pray'rs we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring;  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
 who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing Thee on high,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 to Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please check your email**

### OUTLINE

Text: John 12:12-19

The Bible distinguishes between fear of God which is a reverential fear. We are to fear God because we are to honor and respect him as our Lord and the ruler of all. But on the other hand, there is a more common fear that paralyzes us; the kind of fear the Bible is quick to correct. In fact, "fear not" is one of the most common refrains in the Scriptures. Perhaps Palm Sunday is here at this time to teach us such a message.

Outline:

- I. A Strange Text for a Strange Time
- II. The Power of Fear
- III. Fear not, rejoice! A Message for our Time
- IV. The Theology of Palm Sunday

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