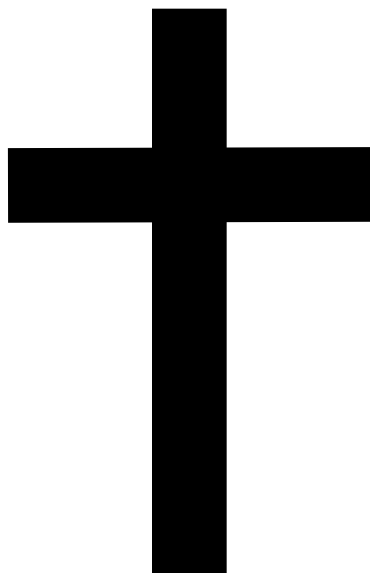


The Covenant Renewal Service

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2011

Welcome

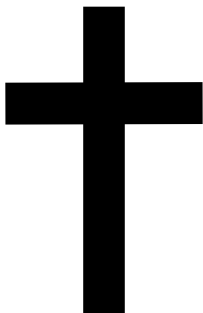
If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 10:50 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. The adult class meets in the fellowship hall at 11:00 AM to study Christian Marriage. Join us tonight for our evening service and prayer at 6 PM.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: www.providencestl.com.

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 elders 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, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine. (The grape juice has a darker color than the wine.)

The Simple Cross (*Front Cover*)



During Lent this year we will display a simple, unadorned cross on the front cover of our bulletins. This will remind us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is "the message of the cross. . . to us who are being saved is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18)

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — April 3, 2011
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 97

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 97:1-2*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #301 "My people, give ear"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness!" *2 Corinthians 4:6*
is the same God who made the light shine in our hearts,

To bring us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God,
in the face of Jesus Christ.

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, so that through us your glory may fill the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Purification

†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, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Accordingly, the Scriptures move us in many places to acknowledge and confess our many sins and errors. Therefore I earnestly implore you, as many as are here present, to accompany me

with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Most merciful God, I confess to you that I am sinful and unclean, and that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that I am not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, I flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through my Lord Jesus Christ. *Silent Prayer.*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news!

Ascension

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is good, right, and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You graciously invite your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to us as the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†The Sanctus

with vigor
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.

†Hymn #5 “Mighty God, while angels bless thee” *Trinity Hymnal*
The Appointed Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

The OT Reading: *Exodus 17:1-7* Pastor Joshua Anderson

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Romans 5:1-8*

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of *Trinity Hymnal* #7)

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| <p>1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
 For us did fast and pray,
 Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
 And close by you to stay.</p> <p>2. As you with Satan did contend
 And did the vict'ry win,
 O give us strength in you to fight,
 In you to conquer sin.</p> | <p>3. As you did hunger and did thirst,
 So teach us, gracious Lord,
 To die to self and so to live
 By your most Holy Word.</p> <p>4. Abide with us, that through this life
 Of suff'ring and of pain
 An Easter of unending joy
 We may at last attain.</p> |
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†The Gospel Reading: *John 4:5-26*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,**

and sits on the right hand of the Father.

**And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

†The *Gloria Patri*

Sermon Text: *Acts 15:19-35*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

Sermon: **NO GREATER BURDEN THAN THESE REQUIREMENTS**

XXXIV. EXPOSITION OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

†We Recite God's Holy Standard for Living

Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought,

But to think with sober judgment, each according to the measuring rod of faith God has provided.

For as in one body we have many members,

And the members do not all have the same function,

So we, though many, are one body in Christ,

And individually members of one another.

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us,

Let us use them.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection;

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you;

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal, p. xvi

† [Hands Raised] The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrifice of Peace

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Hymn "The hope of faith shall not deceive us"

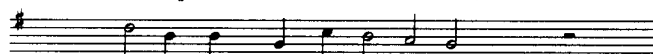
Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Rendez à Dieu

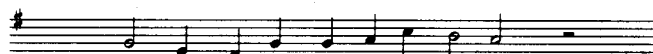
Geneva, 1543/1551



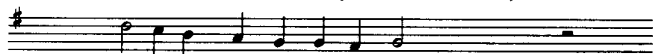
1. The hope of faith shall not de-ceive us;



The Sav-iour's words are true and sure.



Our friends on earth may fail and leave us,



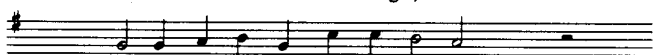
But Je-sus' faith-ful-ness en-dures.



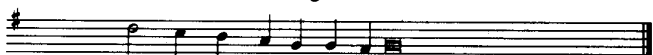
Who lim-its His do-min-ion ev-er?



He rules cre-a-tion from on high;



All that His love and grace en-deav-our



Shall Him His pow-er not de-ny.

2. That hope must soften all our sorrow.
Come, fellow-pilgrims, heads then high;
For those who bide salvation's morrow
The hills are level, seas are dry.
O blessedness above all measure,
O joy when once all grief is banned.
There is our heart, there is our treasure,
When we are in the Promised Land.

Communion in the Body & Blood of Our Lord

† The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:30-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to

lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: O Father, save and defend your Son's bride, the Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give her pastors and rulers according to your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the sacraments; make her mature in love and in good works, and establish her in the faith once delivered to the saints; sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

Benediction

†Hymn #268 "Christ is made the sure Foundation" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Commission: *Matthew 28:18-20*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

The Evening Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent - April 3, 2011

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 95*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Psalm 119 "How blessed are those upright"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

Singing & Prayer Requests

†Psalm 83 "Do not be silent God"

(see handout)

Scripture Reading: *2 Samuel 12:15-31*

Sermon: **DEATH & RESURRECTION IN THE KINGDOM**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

XXIII. EXPOSITION OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

†Psalm #36 "He who in evil does rejoice"

Anglo-Genevan Psalter

†Benediction & Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Woman of the Week:

Kathy Hoegemann

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Morning Service – Hiers

Sunday School – Volunteers Needed

Evening – Volunteers Needed

Nursery Volunteers for Next Sunday:

Morning Service – Pratt

Sunday School – Joanie Harris, Lu Greeno

Evening – Cassie Linton, Amy Pratt

Adult Sunday School “Christian Marriage” — Please join us this morning in the fellowship hall as we continue our Sunday school class on marriage. We are working our way through Peter Leithart's book [A Great Mystery](#). Each Sunday we deal with a topic, the relevant Scripture passages, and discuss related practical issues.

Memory Listeners—will hear our Covenant children recite their scripture verses today during Sunday School.

Nursery Coordinators Needed — Two nursery coordinators are needed to oversee the sign up schedule and maintain the nurseries. If you are interested, please talk to Denise Gerstung.

Nursery Volunteers Needed — A new nursery sign up sheet is on the WIC table. Please sign up for three slots. Your service to our littlest members is greatly appreciated.

Church Calendar

April 7

Session Meeting

May 6-7

Men and Boys' Campout

July 11-15

VBS

The Lord's Service Explained

Lenten Season

What does Lent mean? The word "Lent" comes from the Middle English *lente* ("spring") and from the Old English *lengten* ("to lengthen"), referring to the time of *lengthening* daylight from Christmas (around the Winter solstice) to Easter (Spring equinox). The Lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 17). In anticipation of the great Paschal mystery (the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter Sunday) we are encouraged to examine ourselves anew in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We follow his example and seek for forty days to wage a more earnest struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Our desire in this is increased sanctification and growth in Christian maturity and obedience.

At the heart of any worthy Lenten observance is a cultivated attitude of repentance. A true repentance means a genuine change in heart and mind, a change of disposition where ever in our lives we need to return to God. That is why true repentance and a true Lent can never be satisfied with silly little "fasts" from trivial things like chocolate or TV. On the other hand, repentance is not morbid introspection or a "guilt trip" in which we become bound up in ourselves, turned inward to the point of unhealthy despair. Rather, it has to do with God, who is both holy and compassionate. Therefore, Christian repentance always means faith in God, trusting him, responding to his grace. That is why whatever guilt or sorrow we may feel does not crush us. For we know and trust his goodness toward us.

The color for Lent is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord's suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). The high point of Lent is reached on Good Friday, when we remember that our sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann's great hymn, "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee" (*Trinity Hymnal* #179). Lenten hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #171-196.

Simplified Lent Readings - This Week

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Hymns & Psalms</u>
Mon., April 4 –	Psalm 29	John 17:9-19	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #191
Tues., April 5 –	Psalm 30	John 17:20-26	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #192
Wed., April 6 –	Psalm 31	John 18:1-11	Psalm 6 (<i>Anglo-Gen</i>)
Thurs., April 7 –	Psalm 32	John 18:12-24	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #193
Friday, April 8 –	Psalm 33	John 18:25-32	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #195
Sat., April 9 –	Psalm 34	John 18:33-40	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> #196

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