

From the Pastor's Heart

“You are my hiding place.
You preserve me from trouble.
You surround me with songs of deliverance.”

Psalm 32:7

Dearly Beloved,

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Our God is a God of *Providence*. Providence comes from the Latin words “*Pro*,” which means ahead of time; and “*Videre*,” which means to see. As we put them together, we are advised that God is “seeing all things ahead of time.”

Let us stop during this Holy Week and recognize that the Palm Sunday crowds could not see the week unfold ahead of time. But God did. He always sees ahead of time. No human in Jerusalem could predict the incredible unfolding of events during that fateful week in history. But God knew, and He was not shaken by the hellish fury to soon be released upon His Son. God won. The Devil lost.

I challenge you to realize that all your predictions about life are merely speculations that are usually incorrect. But the *Providence* of God invites us to trust in what God knows just ahead of our present journey. And as we trust in the providence of God all our dark Calvary Fridays will ultimately become our *Glorious Resurrection Sundays* – forever.

Christos Anesti! (Christ is Risen!),

Pastor Bill

