

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

SONG O GOD OF OUR SALVATION

O God of our salvation, who reigns upon the throne
The sovereign Father great is He, from whom all blessings flow

Behold the Son our Savior, who for our sin was slain
The Christ who purchased with His blood, the wretched souls of men

*O God of our salvation
From whom redemption comes
O Father, Son, and Spirit
The blessed Three in One*

O God the Holy Spirit, revealing deity
The fount of life and love divine, throughout eternity

Ascribe unending praise to the God who reigns on high
How matchless is His power, His glory how divine
Ascribe, O church, the greatness and the glory due His name
One God, One Being, One Essence, our Triune God proclaimed
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us for forgetting that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, forgive us for quenching your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, apathetic conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:8-11

SONG THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here, sin would reduce me to utter despair
Through Thy free goodness my spirits revive He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, weep to the praise of the mercy I've found, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own, the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine, seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM THE VALLEY OF VISION

Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit, we adore you as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct Persons, for bringing sinners to knowledge of you and to your kingdom. Father, you have loved us and sent Jesus to redeem us; Jesus, you have loved us and assumed our nature, shed your own blood to wash away our sins, gave your righteousness to cover our unworthiness; Holy Spirit, you have loved us and entered our heart, implanted there eternal life, revealed to us the glories of Jesus. Three Persons and one God, we bless and praise you, for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Galatians 3:1-14

SONG O CHURCH OF CHRIST, INVINCIBLE

O Church of Christ invincible, the people of the Lord
Empowered by the Spirit's breath, and nourished by His word
His covenant of grace will be our portion evermore
For he who called us will not change, our help and our reward

O chosen people called by grace, the sons of Abraham
Who walk by faith in things unseen, and on His promise stand
That every nation of the earth will hear of boundless love
That causes broken hearts to heal and pays our debts with blood

O Church of Christ in sorrow now, where evil lies in wait
When trials and persecutions come, this light will never fade
For though the hordes of hell may rage, their power will not endure
Our times are in the Father's hand, our anchor is secure

O Church of Christ upon that day, when all are gathered in
When every tear is wiped away, with every trace of sin
Where justice, truth and beauty shine, and death has passed away
Where God and man will dwell as one, for all eternity!

BENEDICTION