

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113

SONG ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God!

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God!

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God!

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you, chasing after that which cannot satisfy us. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow him more faithfully. As we have received him, so strengthen us to walk in him, depend on him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give us an experience of your grace that makes us bold, that we might joyfully live for the good of others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 41:8-9, 13

SONG HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast, when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path, For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast, precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last, bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast, justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast, 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last

PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM PSALM 103

We profess and affirm that God alone is worthy of all blessing and honor and praise. He makes everything come out right; he puts victims back on their feet. He alone heals and redeems us. God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs. As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is his love to those who fear him. And as far as sunrise is from sunset, he has separated us from our sins. As parents feel for their children, God feels for those who fear him. His love is ever and always, eternally present to all who fear him as they follow his Covenant ways and remember to do whatever he said. God has set his throne in heaven; he rules over us all. He's the King!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Galatians 4:21-5:1

SONG STEADFAST

I will build my house, whether storm or drought, on the rock that does not move
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord, and your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke, all the starry host are called out by name each night
In your watchful care I will rest secure, as you lead us with your light

I will not trust in the strength of kings, on your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice, Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness, You are still God

BENEDICTION