

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:8-13; 23-27

SONG JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to Thy joy divine

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life

CONFESSION OF SIN

We confess that even though we have been united with Christ, our thoughts and words are divisive. We have been comforted with His love, but have withheld our love from others. We have fellowship with the Spirit of God, yet we still seek our own way. Forsaking unity, we have acted out of selfish ambition. Exalting ourselves, we have sought to be praised. Neglecting our neighbor, we have looked to our own interests above all else. But You, oh Lord, have not withheld your love from us. You became poor so that we might gain everything. Have mercy upon us, according to your great compassion through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 4:9-12

SONG CHRIST SURRENDERED ALL

All, Lord Jesus, You surrendered, all to us You freely gave
All our sin You bravely shouldered, for the world, to heal and save

All, Lord Jesus, You surrendered, all your rights You left behind
Trading might for humble weakness, for the good of all mankind

*Christ surrendered all, Christ surrendered all
For His bride and our salvation, Christ surrendered all*

All, Lord Jesus, You surrendered, all for me, your enemy
Worldly pleasures I was seeking, still, Lord, You were seeking me

All Your life is now our merit, all Your death our ransom paid
Now we feel no condemnation, just a love that cannot fade

PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM PHIL 2

We believe the Word was in the form of God and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. He emptied himself, took the form of a servant, and was born in our own likeness. We believe he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. We believe God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. We believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth; and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Galatians 5:1-15

SONG KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope and without light
Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word, from a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side, knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings*

And the morning that He rose, when our Lord regained His breath
Then the stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

The church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame, now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free, for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

BENEDICTION