

# PROVIDENCE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 111*

### SONG PRAISE THE LORD, YE HEAVENS

Praise the Lord Ye heavens adore him, praise Him, angels, in the height  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him, praise Him, all ye stars of light

Praise the Lord for He hath spoken, worlds His mighty voice obeyed  
Laws which never shall be broken, for their guidance He hath made

*All creation join the song of praise*

*Let every tongue declare His mighty ways*

*And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days*

Praise the Lord for He is glorious, never shall his promise fail  
God hath made His saints victorious, sin and death shall not prevail  
Sin and death shall not prevail

*Glory! Glory! All glory to You Lord!*

Praise the God of our salvation, hosts on high, His power proclaim  
Heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify His name  
Laud and magnify His name

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have remained silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted according to our opinions rather than according to your commands. Within your church, we have been slow to practice love of our brothers and sisters. And in the world, we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and change us by the Spirit's power to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 8:8-11*

## **SONG** GOD THE SPIRIT

Holy fount of inspiration, by whose gift the great of old  
Spoke the word of revelation, marvelous and manifold

*God the Spirit, we adore Thee in the Triune Godhead One  
One in love and power and glory, with the Father and the Son*

Author of the new creation, Giver of the second birth  
May thy ceaseless renovation, cleanse our souls from stains of earth

When we wander Lord direct us, keep us in the Master's way  
Let thy strong swift sword protect us, warring in the evil day

Shall the church now faint or fear, when the Comforter is near?

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH** HEIDELBERG 21

*Q: What is true faith?*

**A: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation. Praise be to God, the author of salvation!**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*Galatians 5:25-6:10*

## **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!