

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 42:1-4, 10-12

SONG COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,, born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse of thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing, glad tidings of a birth
"Go to him, your praises bringing, Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne!
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Come, Messiah, come!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O promised Messiah, you came to us in the fullness of time. We confess that we daily choose to ignore you, whom the Father sent to dwell among us and in us. Forgive us for ignoring your present kingdom and trying to build our own. Lord, you promised to return to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for our blindness to your coming. By your Spirit, empower us to prepare for the coming of King Jesus. May your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen..

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

SONG CROWN HIM (ADVENT)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for me, and hail Him as the matchless King, throughout eternity

Oh crown Him, crown Him, Jesus, the Lord of life, the Lord of love, the Lord of all, the Lord of all!

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

*Oh crown Him, crown Him, Jesus, the Word made flesh defeated death, when He rose
The Crucified is seated high, upon His throne, upon His throne!*

Crown Him the Lord of light, who humbly came to earth
To break the chains of sin and shame and one day shall return!
Creation groans for Him! With Christ, we long to be! Emmanuel shall come to dwell and reign eternally

Oh crown Him, crown Him, Jesus, in hope, we wait and we proclaim, "Messiah Come!"

PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM ST. PATRICK (c. 5th century)

We proclaim that Jesus Christ is his Son, who has been with God always, from the beginning of time and before the creation of the world – though in a way we cannot put into words. Through him everything in the universe was created, both what we can see and what is invisible. He was born as a human being and he conquered death, rising into the heavens to be with God. And God gave him power greater than any creature of the heavens or earth or under the earth, so that someday everyone will declare that Jesus Christ is Lord and God. We believe in him and we wait for him to return very soon.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Isaiah 9:1-7

SONG EVERYTHING IS NEW

My eyes have seen salvation from The Lord, prepared for all, revealed for me to see
What once was hidden, no longer mystery, Light has come, the glory of our King

My eyes have seen the power of The Lord, His mighty arm exposed for all to see
He is redemption, He's come for you and me, victory is here, the glory of our King

*Good News, Great Joy, everything is new!
Hallelujah, everything is new!*

I long to see the coming of The Lord, His glory on display for all to see
He is Jesus, the advent of our peace, He'll split the clouds, He'll come and set us free

Glory to God in the highest, Hallelujah, sing across the earth
Glory to God in the highest, "We sing your praise in all the earth"