

# PROVIDENCE

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 52:7-9*

## **SONG GOD WITH US**

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us  
And You've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us,  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

*Our Deliverer, You are savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us, You are God with us*

Oh You've come to be hope to this world for Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

You are here, You are holy, we are standing in Your glory

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

## **SONG HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM ISAIAH 26**

We will trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is the Rock eternal. He humbles those who dwell on high, He lays the lofty city low; He levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. He makes the way of the righteous smooth. We walk in the way of Your laws, oh Lord, and we wait for You; Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. When Your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. Lord, You establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished, You have done for us.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **PREACHING OF THE WORD**

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

## **SONG BE STILL MY SOUL**

Be still, my soul the Lord is on Your side, bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide, in every change, He will remain

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake, to guide the future, as in ages past  
Your hope, your mind, your will let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be bright

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on, when we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone sorrow forgot, love's joys restored

*Be still my soul!*

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on, when we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone sorrow forgot, love's joys restored