

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1-6

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

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:5-9

SONG GRACE ALONE

I was an orphan lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear You call, but Father You worked Your will
I had no righteousness of my own, I had no right to draw near Your throne, but Father You loved me still
In love before you laid the world's foundation, You predestined to adopt me as your own
You've raised me up so high above my station. I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left Your home to seek out the lost, You knew the great and terrible cost, but Jesus Your face was set
And I worked my fingers down to the bone, nothing I did could ever atone, but Jesus You paid my debt
By Your blood I have redemption and salvation, though You died that I might reap what you have sown
And You rose that I might be a new creation. I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night, but Spirit You made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own, a head full of rocks a heart made of stone, but Spirit You moved in me
At Your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened, on my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, I will stand in faith by grace and grace alone

PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM 1 PETER 2

We profess and affirm that by the grace of God, we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession. He has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light, that we might proclaim his goodness toward us. Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Praise be to God, the author of light and giver of mercy!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Psalm 1

SONG BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won; may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall; still be my vision, O Ruler of all
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

BENEDICTION