

PROVIDENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

SONG ○ WORSHIP THE KING

○ worship the King, all glorious above
And gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

○ tell of His might, ○ sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

*You alone are the matchless King,
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories, Your wonders, what tongue can recite?
We offer our praise, bowing our lives*

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our sinful hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. ○ Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore those who are penitent, and grant, ○ merciful God, that we may live in your light and walk in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:21-25

SONG YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, His way is Life, His presence is my home
And day by day, I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me

PROFESSION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM EPHESIANS 2

We profess and affirm with the Holy Scriptures that we were dead in our trespasses and sins, in which we walked, following the passions of our flesh. We were by nature children of wrath, in bondage to sin, and unable to do what is good. But God, because of His great love, made us alive with Christ, and freed us from bondage to sin. By God's grace we are reborn, and given the ability to repent of sin, to walk in new life, and to will what is good as God's own children. Thanks be to God for His abundant mercy!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Mark 8:27-38

SONG NONE BUT THEE

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven, Thou O Lord our guide shall be
Thy commission we rely on, we will follow none but Thee
As an emblem of Thy passion, and Thy victory o'er the grave
We who know Thy great salvation, are baptized now beneath the wave

*Fall on us, O Holy Lord, Our hearts, Oh King, are only Yours
By your grace we live, and we will follow none but Thee, will follow none but Thee*

Fearless of the worlds despising, we the ancient path pursue
Buried with our Lord and rising to a life divinely new

Sin shall never be our master, Captives of Thy blessed grace
Offering our lives hereafter, we resolve to seek Thy face

We will follow none but Thee