

## SONG OF ASSURANCE (Choral Anthem)

In the midst of darkness, in the deep blue stretches of silence  
In the season of loss and longing, we wonder, God, are you list'ning?  
We wonder, God, are you there?

Do you still know our ev'ry thought and hear our ev'ry prayer?  
Come, fill our darkness with your light  
Sweep away this silence with your song of hope, and let your glory shine in us again.  
Let your love live deep within our hearts;  
Help us sing your praise once more, Sing your praise once more.

Lord, you are the God of our beginning and our being.  
You ordained this time and place; you have called us by name.  
We rejoice in your strength; we give thanks for your gift of grace,  
And we lift our voices once again to praise your mighty name.

Let the songs of joy resound; in your goodness hope is found,  
And we are blessed (We are blessed), we are made whole (We are made whole)  
And we are yours. Lord, we are yours.

## BLESSED ASSURANCE

*(#345 in the Hymnal for Worship & Celebration)*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### REFRAIN:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
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Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### (REFRAIN)

Perfect submission - all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### (REFRAIN)



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**Song Lyrics &  
Prayer of Confession**

## COME, GATHER (Introit)

### REFRAIN:

Come, gather together again, drawn by the Spirit, fed by God's word  
Come, gather together again, gather to worship the Lord of love

Enter with songs of thanksgiving and praise, ring in glad tidings of joy  
Praising the One who renews us each day  
People of God, Come and lift up your voice!

### (SING REFRAIN)

Lord, in your mercy, come show us the way, help us be trusting and true  
Lead us, redeem us, and teach us, we pray  
Let all we do, Lord, bring glory to you

### (SING REFRAIN)

## I WILL EXALT

### VERSE:

Your presence is all I need, it's all I want and all I seek  
Without it, without it there's no meaning  
Your presence is the air I breathe, the song I sing, and the love I need  
And without it, without it I'm not living

(REPEAT VERSE)

### CHORUS:

So I will exalt You, Lord, I will exalt You, Lord, there is no one like You, God  
So I will exalt You, Lord, I will exalt You, Lord, no other name be lifted high

(SING VERSE & CHORUS)

### BRIDGE (SING 5X):

There will be no one like You and no one beside You  
You alone are worthy of all praise

(SING CHORUS)

Your presence is all I need, it's all I want and all I seek  
Without it, without it there's no meaning

## COME AS YOU ARE

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been  
Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy, oh, sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal  
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### CHORUS:

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame  
All who are broken, lift up your face  
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(SING CHORUS)

Come as you are, fall in His arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning, sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(SING CHORUS)

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, last week we did not always believe Jesus invites us to come to him, even though we were weary and overwhelmed. We did not believe that Jesus could refresh us. We confess we did not recognize that his yoke is easy nor believe that he willingly gives us rest. Please forgive us and hear our silent confessions.

## CELTIC PRAYER (Response: Assurance of Forgiveness)

You are the peace of all things calm, You are the place to hide from harm  
You are the light that shines in dark, You are the heart's eternal spark  
You are my love; keep me from ill, You are my Lord and with me still  
You are the light, the truth, the way, You are my Savior this very day  
Amen

## THE ANTHEM

By His stripes we are healed, by His nail pierced hands we're free  
By His blood we're washed clean, now we have the victory

The power of sin is broken, Jesus overcame it all  
He has won our freedom, Jesus has won it all

### CHORUS:

Hallelujah! You have won the victory; Hallelujah! You have won it all for me  
Death could not hold You down, You are the risen King  
Seated in majesty, You are the risen King

**Join us now for a time of prayer  
led by Nancy Bergman, Jennifer McWilliams, and Nyadia Thorpe**

(SING CHORUS to close time of prayer)