



In His ordinary providence, God makes use of means, yet He is free to work without, above, and against them as He pleases.

As, in general, the providence of God reaches to all creatures, so, in a very special way, it cares for His church and disposes all things for its good.

*(Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.1,3,7. Modern English Version)*

**\*Hymn 302**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore,

His goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 9

**Congregational Prayer**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,

You have made from one blood all nations, and promised that many shall come to sit down with Abraham in Your kingdom.

We pray for the more than 800 million people in Muslim lands who are still far off, that they might be brought near by the blood of Christ.

Look upon them in pity because they are without understanding of Your Truth.

Take away blindness of heart, and reveal to them the surpassing beauty and power of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Convince them of their sin and pride in rejecting the sacrifice of the only Savior.

Give courage to those who love You that they may boldly confess Your Name.

Equip Your children and Your messengers in Muslim lands with the power of the Holy Spirit that they may demonstrate the loveliness and tenderness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Make bare Your arm, O God, and show Your power.

Father, glorify Your Son in the Muslim world, and fulfill through Him the prayer of Abraham, Your friend -- "O, that Ishmael might live before You."

For Jesus' sake, Amen.

**\*Hymn 305**

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Arise, my soul, arise,  
Shake off your guilty fears:  
The bleeding Sacrifice  
In my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;  
His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child,  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

**New Testament Reading**

Acts 5:1-11

**Message**

*"KNOWN BY HIS JUDGMENTS"*

**\*Hymn**

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all --  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid --  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine --  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home --  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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**\*God Blesses His People**                      2 Corinthians 13:14

**\*Hymn 734**    “Gloria Patri”

### **“KNOWN BY HIS JUDGMENTS”**

Psalm 9:16; Acts 5:1-11

Verse 16. “Meditate on this thought; chew on it; turn it over in your mind.” Here and now is the perspective of the text. As Christians we see more in this Psalm than David did, but not less. Our great redemption in Christ far outshines anything on this earth. But may we not be so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good! Ps 58: 58:10-11; Eccl 5:8. Augustine.

## **I. GOD SOMETIMES ACTS SO BOLDLY THAT EVERYONE MUST TAKE NOTICE**

Verse 16b; Ps 72; 9:3-4, 19-20.

### **A. God’s Hand in Judgment is Evident**

Ex 8:19; 7:5; Josh 2:10-11; Deut 29:24-28; 1 Kings 9:7-9; Ezek 25:11; Rev 6:15-17; Isa 26:9.

### **B. The Miracles of Jesus Were Unmistakable**

John 12:10-11. The Jewish Talmud did not deny that Jesus was a miracle worker (called Him a “magician”) Josephus. Acts 3:7; 4:16.

### **C. This is What the Psalmist Wants Also!**

## **II. THREE MODERN EXAMPLES OF GOD’S BOLD JUDGMENTS**

1 Chron 16:14.

### **A. The Sinking of the Spanish Armada**

When King Philip II of Spain learned of the loss, he exclaimed: “I sent the Armada against men, not God's winds and waves.” “The Protestant Wind.”

### **B. Operation Barbarossa**

Coldest winter in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### **C. Operation Overlord**

Window of opportunity.

### **III. TWO QUESTIONS TO ASK AS YOU PRAY FOR JUSTICE**

#### **A. Probing: Is Your Record Righteous as Well as Your Reason?**

Ps 7:8; 4:3; 18:20; Mal 3:10; 2 Chron 7:13-14; Hab 1; 1 Pet 4:17.

#### **B. Praising: Do You Boast in What He Has Already Done?**

9:11-12

#### *Conclusion*

The bulletin included these words: *“Let us therefore offer high praise and thanksgiving to the God of all mercies for the success which He has granted to us and to our Allies: for the faith which has upheld us through the years of danger and suffering...”*