

Christian Worship: Supplement Dedication Rite

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Scripture encourages us, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25). Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church, God’s people have gathered regularly around the gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The apostle Paul describes one of the guiding principles for gathering around Word and Sacraments: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16). In every time and place, Christians have proclaimed the good news about Jesus Christ and what he has done for our salvation with poetry and music. Texts and melodies, ancient and modern, edify and enlighten Christians gathered for public worship as they proclaim the saving words and works of our Lord Jesus. To aid us in our proclamation of the gospel in Word and Sacrament, we dedicate these hymnal supplements.

M: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

C: **It is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

M: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: **For he has done marvelous things.**

M: The word of the Lord is right and true;

C: **He is faithful in all he does.**

M: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

C: **The earth is full of his unfailing love.**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation’s new song. Your Spirit is the breath of such music. We praise you for these hymnal supplements, which we dedicate to your glory alone. Thank you for the contributions of those who labored diligently to prepare this book. May your Word, proclaimed in hymns, psalms, and services, take root in our hearts and minds as we use these books, so that your name is hallowed and your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

DEDICATION

M: To your glory, O Lord, and for the edification of your holy people, we dedicate these hymnal supplements, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The service continues with one of the following hymns:

734 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

776 “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

777 “Now Let Us All in Hymns of Praise”