Morning Prayer, Wednesday 27 June

This week in the ecumenical prayer cycle, we pray for Kenya and Tanzania

We open with the sound of a gong

We sing (1st verse in Swahili)

Liturgist: Ms Desri Sumbayak, The Indonesian Christian Church

Psalm 18:

God my friend,
You give me strength.

God, my shield, my help,
You watch over me.

You bring me out into a broad place
Because you delight in me.

It is you who light my lamp.
You light up my darkness.

By you, God, I can leap over a wall.
For this I will extol you in the morning and in the evening, now and always. Amen.

Scripture reading: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on
the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Meditation

Prayers
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

We thank you, God, for the night’s rest, for the hours of sleep and dream.
Open our minds and hearts to all we meet today.
We are grateful for safe travel, which has brought each of us from homes and places of vocation, to be united in this community of faith and practice.
God send your Spirit to sustain us in the faithful work that is ahead of us.
We are one with each other.
Show us the people to serve and the work we are to do.
We cannot live by ourselves.
God, be near us and lift us up.
Walk with us,
Step by step, hour by hour.
We pray to God, our light and salvation, in the words Jesus taught us, each in our own language.
Our Father in heaven…

We sing (In Norwegian or English)
Gracious God, we thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You kept us safe from all evil and danger last night. Save us, we pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all we do and the way that we live will please you. We put ourselves in your care, body and soul and all that we have. Let Your holy Angels be with us, so that the evil one will not gain power over us. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!  
**Thanks be to God!**