

Morning Prayer and Bible Study

Friday 14 June



*This week in the ecumenical prayer cycle,
we pray for Botswana and Zimbabwe.*

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Opening

Gathering Hymn: "Listen for the Call of God"



1. Lis-ten for the call of God, ring - ing through the morn - ing air:
2. Lis-ten for the call of God, whis - p'ring in our dif - fring gifts,
3. Lis-ten for the call of God, soar - ing through the even - ing skies:
4. Lis-ten for the call of God, stead - y through our nights and days,



stee - ple bell or muez - zin cry, bid - ding peo - ple, "Come to prayer."
of - fring grac - es, free - ly shared, craft - ing beau - ty that up - lifts.
hov - ring an - gels, rush - ing wings, her - ald voic - es, rest - less sighs.
sanc - ti - fy - ing work and prayer, shap - ing all our life to praise.



Feel the rhyth - mic pulse that thrums through the chant of beat - ing drums.
Heed the Spir - it's guid - ing voice, sing - ing through our deep - est joys.
Star - light mu - sic fills the earth, draw - ing hearts to wond - rous birth.
Var - ied earth - ly tasks ful - fill as - pects of one heav' - nly will.



Tribes and na - tions, one and all, hush and lis - ten: hear the call!
Art - ists, build - ers, one and all, hush and lis - ten: hear the call!
Sag - es dream - ers, one and all, hush and lis - ten: hear the call!
Saints and stew - ards, one and all, hush and lis - ten: hear the call!

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Tune: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702 (text was originally set to the tune: ABERYSTWYTH; Joseph Park, 1841-1903)

Confession:

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

Response: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Chant:



Watching, watching. Be open, O my heart.
Waiting, waiting. Be open, O my heart.
Ever mindful...Be open, O my heart.
Love is calling...Be open, O my heart.
In this moment...Be open, O my heart.

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Psalmody

Psalm 46 (*read alternately between presider and people*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Word

A reading from the of Gospel of Mark 9:1-8:

And Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.” Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

Word of God! Word of life!

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: Bible reading and study

Leader: Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo

Group Discussions

We sing as we gather together for prayer...

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain

Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

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NENO LAKE MUNGU

6.4.6.4 with refrain

Prayer

Intercessions

By your birth and poverty, your fasting and temptations, by your anguish and all your suffering. Lamb of God...

Show us your face.

By your wounds and death, your descent from the cross and your rest in the tomb. Lamb of God...

Show us your face.

In the suffering of our neighbor, in the naked and hungry, in the homeless and
refuge, Lamb of God...

Show us your face.

In the midst of strife and warfare, through violence and destruction, open a way
of peace. Lamb of God...

Show us your face.

In your suffering, reveal to us the mystery of your love,
In your baptism through death, light a fire on earth,
In your tears, give us consolation and strength. Lamb of God...

Show us your face.

In your broken body and blood poured out for us, sustain us. Lamb of God...

Show us your face.

[brief silence]

O God, look upon your family. For us, Jesus Christ did not hesitate to suffer the
agony of the cross, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One
God, forever and ever.

Amen.

We pray to God, our light and salvation, in the words Jesus taught us,
each in our own language.

Our Father in heaven...

Song:

Medieval German *Leise*, st. 1, st. 2-4 Martin Luther

J. Walter: Germany 1524

1. Nun bit - ten wir den Hei - li - gen Geist um den rech - ten Glau - ben al - ler - meist,
1. Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray for true faith, most need - ed on our way:

daß er uns be - hü - te an un - serm En - de, wenn wir heim - fahrn aus die - sem E - len - de. Ky - ri - e - leis.
Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!

2. Du wertest Licht, gib uns deinen Schein,
lehr uns Jesus Christ kennen allein,
daß wir an ihm bleiben, dem treuen Heiland,
der uns bracht hat zum rechten Vaterland. Kyrieleis.

2. O sweetest Love, your grace on us bestow;
set our hearts with sacred fire aglow,
that with hearts united we love each other,
every stranger, sister, and brother. Lord, have mercy!

3. Du süße Lieb, schenk uns deine Gunst,
laß uns empfinden der Lieb Inbrunst,
daß wir uns von Herzen einander lieben
und im Frieden auf einem Sinn bleiben. Kyrieleis.

3. Transcendent comfort in our every need,
help us neither scorn nor death to heed,
that we may not falter, nor courage fail us
when the foe shall taunt and assail us. Lord, have mercy!

4. Du höchster Tröster in aller Not,
hilf, daß wir nicht fürchten Schand noch Tod,
daß in uns die Sinne nicht verzagen,
wenn der Feind wird das Leben verklagen. Kyrieleis.

4. Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light,
that we Jesus Christ may know aright,
clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
who to our true homeland has brought us. Lord, have mercy!

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Blessing

May the God of hope – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (+) – fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13) **Amen.**