

Morning Prayer and Bible Study

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*This week in the ecumenical prayer cycle,
we pray for Malawi and Zambia...*

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Bible Study: Pröpstin Astrid Kleist*

Opening

We open with song... "Das Licht Christi ist in die Welt gekommen"

We begin in the name of the Triune God. **Amen!**
Let us sing Psalm 46

Psalmody

Psalm 46

Cantor sings first, then assembly

Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,
though the wat-ers rage, you, God are here.
Though the na-tions war, though the peop-les bat-tle,
though the Em-pire fal-ters, we will not fear.

Text: based on Psalm 46, Rolf Vegdahl and Tom Witt. Tune: Tom Witt

Our sure defense,
Our shelter and help in trouble,
God never stands far off.
So we stand unshaken
when solid earth cracks
and volcanoes slide into the
sea, when breakers rage
and mountains tremble in the
swell. The Lord of cosmic
power, Jacob's God,
will shield us.

Refrain

A river delights the city of God,
Home of the Holy One Most
High. With God there,
the city stands;
God defends it under attack.
Nations rage, empires fall.
God speaks, earth melts.
The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.

Refrain

Come! See the wonders
God does across the earth:
Everywhere stopping wars,
Smashing, crushing, burning
All the weapons of war.
An end to your fighting!
Be still and know that I am
God. High over nations, high
over earth. The Lord of cosmic
power, Jacob's God,
will shield us.

Refrain

Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 28:23-29)

Listen, and hear my voice; Pay attention, and hear my speech. Do those who plow for sowing plow continually? Do they continually open and harrow their ground? When they have leveled its surface, do they not scatter dill, sow cummin, and plant wheat in rows and barley in its proper place, and spelt as the border? For they are well instructed; their God teaches them. Dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge, nor is a cart wheel rolled over cummin; but dill is beaten out with a stick, and cummin with a rod. Grain is crushed for bread, but one does not thresh it forever; one drives the cart wheel and horses over it, but does not pulverize it. This also comes from the Lord of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

Word of God! Word of life!

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: Bible study followed by discussion

Leader. Pröpstin Astrid Kleist

We sing as we gather together for prayer...

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.

Prayer

Intercessions

Our Lord Jesus wonderful in counsel, excellent in wisdom, source of healing sent the disciples to continue his work of healing with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, we now entrust to God our world and one another...

Loving God, our source and final home, thanks be to you for the gift of life, for our human bodies and for all things you have created. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Compassionate God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Grant health to all those who are sick. Give hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Almighty God, drive away suffering, give wisdom and firm hope, and strengthen our trust in you. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers especially those we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts... In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

You are God whose promises never cease.
You are God whose presence never fails.
Amen.

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.

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

Our Father in heaven...

Closing Song:

Enviado soy de Dios The Lord now send us forth

Cuba

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are in Spanish and English.

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, and

ra con - struir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to

mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me
do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that

ha to - ca - do a mi ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -
falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help

yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text and tune: anon. Cuba Translation: Gerhard Cartford © 1988 Augsburg Fortress.

Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

Amen.