Opening Liturgy, Thursday 13 June

Presider: Rev. Selma Chen

Preacher: Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Liturgist: Rev. William Flippin

2019 Council Meeting —13-18 June Ecumenical Centre, Geneva, Switzerland "Because we know God's voice." (John 10:4)



Gathering

Opening Song

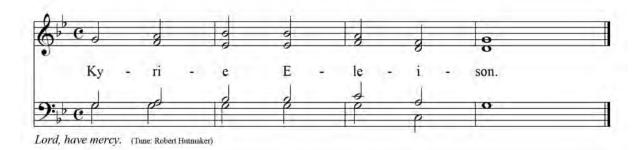


2 Utufanye waamini Wa Yesu Mwokozi. Tukaishi kikundini, Kanisani mawako. *Refrain*

Roho Mwema, Mfarijii, Utupe hekima; Tukiwaza na kutenda, Yote yawe yako. *Refrain*

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Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For peace as we meet together, for integrity of spirit and open hearts, for the compassion that leads to unity, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For the unity of your church, rejoicing in the varieties of the gifts of the spirit, manifested as it witnesses to the one body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For an end to war, and a common commitment to making peace, for a renewed respect for those who are different, for an end to hatred and just reconciliations that undercut strife, let us pray to the Lord.

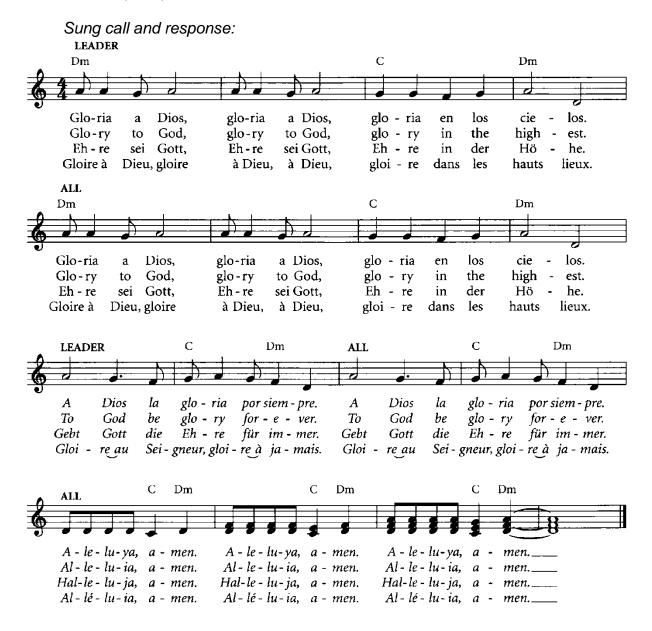
Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For this holy gathering, and for all the songs and prayers offered here, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

Gloria a Dios (Peru)



Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you!**

Let us pray [brief silence]

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you gather us together. You call each one of us by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. **Amen**

Word

The Gospel according to John 10:1-10 Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of our Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Preacher. Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Hymn: "You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"





- The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
- 5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.
- 4. Tu gran misterio, mi Señor, ¿Quién puede explicar? ¡Ningún sepulcro te_encerró, Y vas en mí a morar!
- 5. Sin interés te entregas tú, Ejemplo de hermandad. Sirvamos todos con virtud En paz y caridad.

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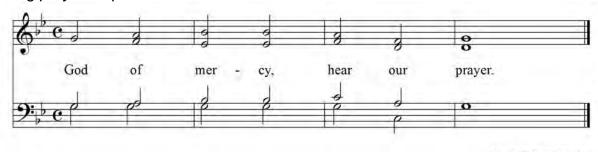
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of intercession

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care, singing:

Sung prayer response:



Music: Robert Hutmaker

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry.

Sung Response

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice.

Sung Response

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.

Sung Response

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Sung Response

Strengthen this communion in its worship and in its work of honest searching, open dialogue, and creative ways to proclaim your Gospel in the world. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

Sung Response

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole [brief silence], give hope to the dying [brief silence], comfort those who mourn [brief silence]. Uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care.

Sung Response

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you all,

And also with you.

Having freely received Christ's peace, let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Meal

What a joy that as brothers and sisters in the faith we can come together in this beautiful and diverse community and celebrate together the sacrament of Holy Communion! What a blessing that we can meet around the Lord's table and share in true fellowship. As we share bread and wine we enter into communion with each other as we enter into communion With Christ!

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Life up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

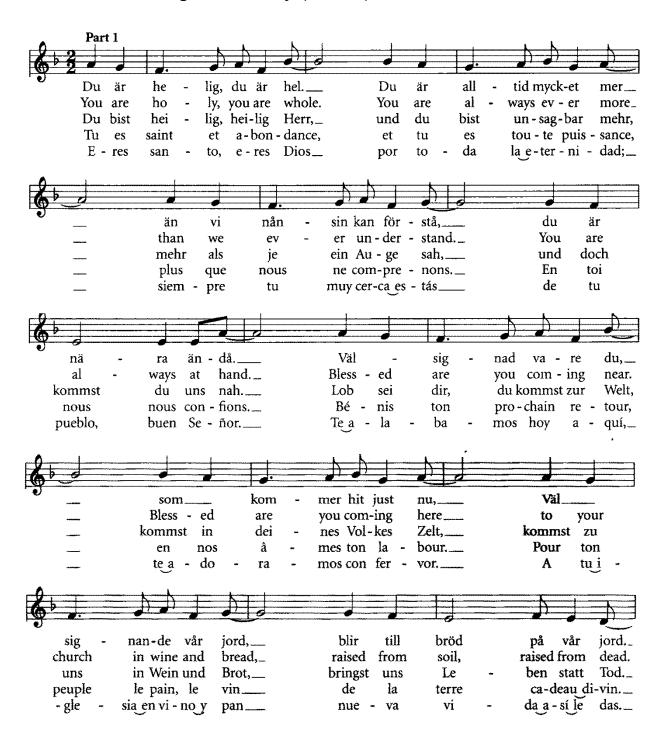
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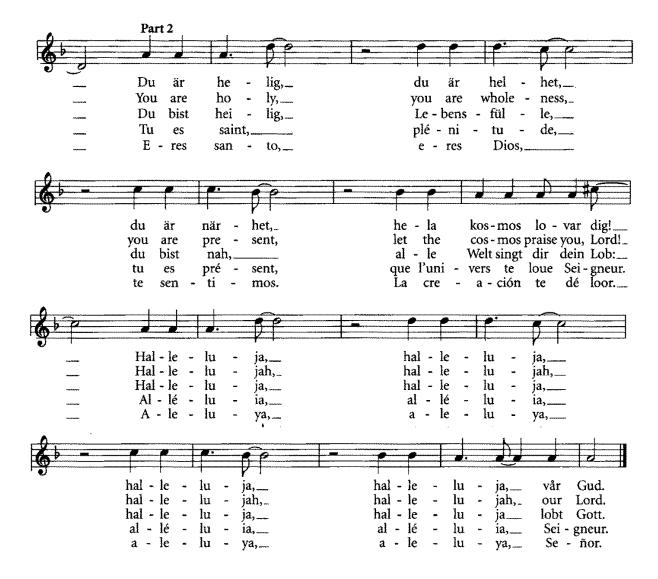
It is right to give God our praise!

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and who, ever anew, calls us to follow him. And so, with Mary and Peter and Macrina, with Katie and Martin, and with all the martyrs of every time and place, with earth and sea and sky and all their creatures, with angles and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Sanctus: Du Ar Helig/You Are Holy (Sweden)





Eucharistic Prayer (based on Psalm 111)

Thanks and praise be to you, O Lord, with our whole heart.

Great are your works, studied by all who delight in them.

Your righteousness, O God, endures forever.

You have gained renown by your wonderful deeds; you are gracious and merciful.

You, O God, provide food for those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat: This is my Body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

You sent redemption to your people – this bread and cup – you have commanded your covenant forever. Holy and awesome is your name.

Come Holy Spirit! Bless us and these your own gifts of bread and wine. So that your praise may endure forever and your justice touch all lives.

Lord's Prayer (in our many languages)

Our Father in heaven...

Agnus Dei: Ya hamalaLah (Palestine/Israel)

First line is sung twice



German tr. R. Renner and U. Schwendler

The Lord is the one who invites us and says: "Come to me all those who are tired from their labour and burdens and I will give them rest." Come, the table is served and it is the Lord who invites you to share it. Amen.

Communion

You are invited to receive the bread and wine.

Songs during communion

Jui shi zhi shen/The Bread of Ilfe for All is Broken (China)

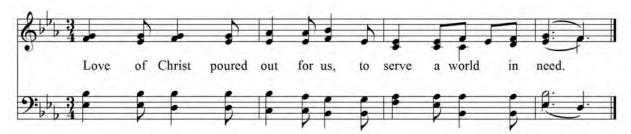
Each phrase is sung call and response, with the cantor leading. Please sing back what you hear:

The bread of life for all is broken.
Christ drank the cup on Golgotha.
God's grace we trust, and spread with reverence this holy feast, and thus remember.

O God, we pray, come now among us, lighten our eyes, brightly appear! Emmanuel, heaven's joy unending our life with you forever blending.

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Love of Christ Poured Out For Us (USA)



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In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taizé)



Post-Communion Prayer

God of grace, in this meal you liberate us from all that holds us captive. Give us a foretaste of that community reconciled in you. Send us forth to make known your deeds, proclaiming in our lives your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us!

Amen!

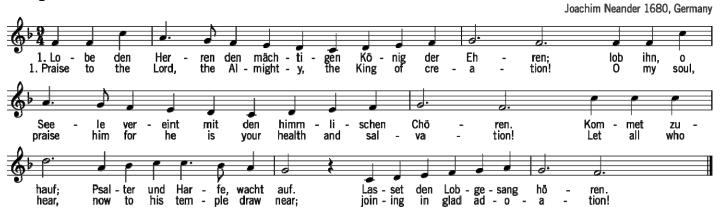
Bless all creation, O God, and make your ways be known upon earth, your saving power among all peoples.

Amen!

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit (+), bless us and all creation. God keep us in his way together in hope.

Amen!

Song: Lobe den Herren/Praise to the Lord



- 2. Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich regieret, der dich auf Adelers Fittichen sicher geführet, der dich erhält, wie es dir selber gefällt. Hast du nicht dieses verspüret?
- 3. Lobe den Herren, der k\u00fcnstlich und fein dich bereitet, der dir Gesundheit verliehen, dich freundich geleitet. In wieviel Not hat nicht der gn\u00e4dige Gott \u00fcber dir Fl\u00fcgel gebreitet!
- Lobe den Herren, was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.
 Lob ihn mit allen, die seine Verheißung bekamen.
 Er ist dein Licht; Seele, vergiß es ja nicht.
 Lob ihn in Ewigkeit. Amen.

- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- 4. Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore him. All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him.

 Catherine Winkworth adp. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh

Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Prayers for the Healing of the Nations LWF Council Worship — 13 June, 2019

Liturgists: Archbishop Panti Filibus Musa and Rev. Elitha Moyo



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Musical Preparation

OPENING

Introduction

Chant: (First time sung by cantor, then all)

Only you, O God, and you alone,

The broken heart console;

Only you, O God, and you alone The wounded world make whole.

Reading from Revelation

PRAYERS

Let us name before God the nations of the world, pleading for mercy and healing for those places and peoples torn by ancient animosities or terrorized by new fears; those devastated by drought or disease; those crushed by poverty, oppression, or war; and those drunk with power, wealth, or greed:

Sung Litany of the Nations:

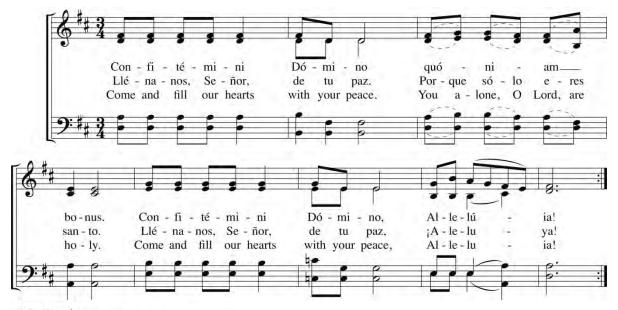
Peace be yours...Peace be yours.

For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God

Invitation to pray at the map of the world

Chants and ostinato refrains are sung during prayers at the map (on back side)

Confitemini Domino / Llénanos Señor / Come and Fill Our Hearts

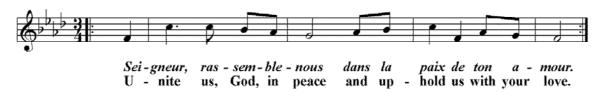


Latin Translation:

Give praise to the Lord for he is good, Alleluia.

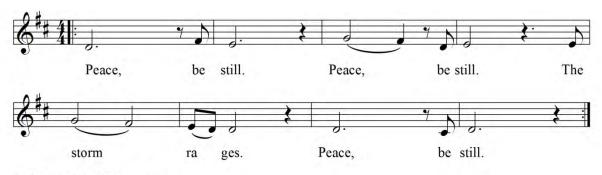
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Seigneur, Rassemblenous/Unite Us, God in Peace



Words and melody: Dominique Ombrie, France.

Peace, Be Still



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Closing Collect

Blessing and Dismissal

You may remain in silence to continue praying at your seat or around the map. When you do leave, please do so quietly so that others may have a quiet place to pray.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study Friday 14 June

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

Liturgist: Rev. Thuridur Björg Wiium Árnadóttir

Bible study: Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo



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Opening

Gathering Hymn: "Listen for the Call of God"



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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...



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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:



- 2. Du wertes 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.
- 3. Du sûße 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.
- 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.

- 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. 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. 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!

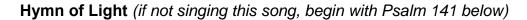
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Blessing

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.**

An Order for Evening Prayer

Opening (light a candle if possible)







Latin Translation:

Give praise to the Lord for he is good, Alleluia.

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Psalmody

Psalm 141 (read alternately between presider and assembly)

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,

And guard the door of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;

Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,

In you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life.

Word

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

A time of silent reflection on the text.

Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord have mercy.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city Geneva in which we gather from across our communion, for the cities and countries from which we come and for the wellbeing of all creation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this gathering, for honest searching and open dialogue and creative ways to further the proclamation of your Gospel in the world...

Lord, have mercy.

For what else do we pray either out loud or in the silence of our hearts [name special needs of the day, the meeting, the world, our lives...]

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in the faith, and the path we are called to walk together as a communion, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our God.

To you, O Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (each in their own language)

Blessing

Holy Eternal Majesty, Holy Incarnate Word, Holy Abiding Spirit (+), one God, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study Saturday 15 June

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

Liturgist: Mr Lasse Schmidt-Klie Bible Study Leader: Ms Sally Azar



of Churches

Opening

We open with song... "The light of Christ has come into the world"

We begin in the name of the Triune God. **Amen**. Let us sing Psalm 136.

Psalmody

Psalm 136 (Taiwan)



Cantor:

O give thanks to the Lord who is good.... O give thanks to the God of gods.... O give thanks to the Lord of lords... Who alone has wrought marvelous works... God in wisdom made the skies... Who fixed the earth firmly on the seas... It was God who made the great lights... The sun to rule in the day,... The moon and stars in the night... God let Israel inherit their land,... God remembered us in our distress.... It was God who saved us from our foes.... God gives food to all living things,... To the God of heaven give thanks....

Assembly:

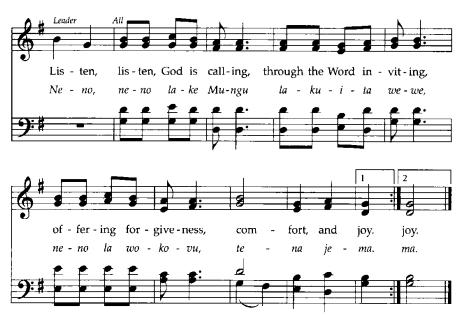
For God's steadfast love endures forever. On those servants their land God bestowed... For God's steadfast love endures forever. After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized —John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease." The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.

Word of God! Word of life! Thanks be to God!

Meditation: Bible study followed by discussion

Leader: Ms Sally Azar

We sing as we gather together for prayer...



Prayer

Intercessions

God, Creator, you embrace all humanity, all creation is in your tender care. Strip away all that impedes us from rejoicing in that splendid universal communion you have created. In your mercy,

Open our hearts and doors...

God, child with Mary and Joseph, you fled violence and found refuge in Egypt. God, our only refuge, protect those fleeing war and violence, especially the people of Yemen and other places we name now out loud or in our hearts... In your mercy,

Open our hearts and doors...

God, tumultuous voice resounding and silent whisper consoling, break down the walls we build out of fear, disrupt our comfort so that we see in peoples of all faiths, our neighbor to be welcomed and embraced. In your mercy,

Open our hearts and doors...

God, bend what is inflexible in us, refresh and enliven our witness to the gospel and your church that it not be bound by egoisms, materialism, or self-interest. In your mercy,

Open our hearts and doors...

God, you alone are our refuge and strength, grant us to live in solidarity, caring and supporting every neighbor in need. In your mercy,

Open our hears and doors...

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils and joys unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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... "Mayenziwe"/ "Your Will Be Done" (South Africa)



Blessing

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6) **Amen**.

Morning Prayer and Bible Study Monday 17 June

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

Liturgist: Bishop Aaron Chuan Ching Yap

Bible Study: Pröpstin Astrid Kleist



A Communion of Churches

Opening

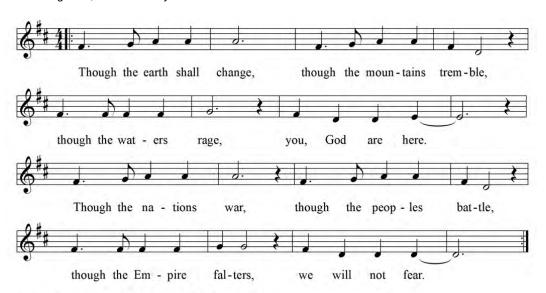
We open with song..."Das Licht Christi ist in die Welt gekommen"

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

Psalmody

Psalm 46

Cantor sings first, then assembly



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.

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

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.

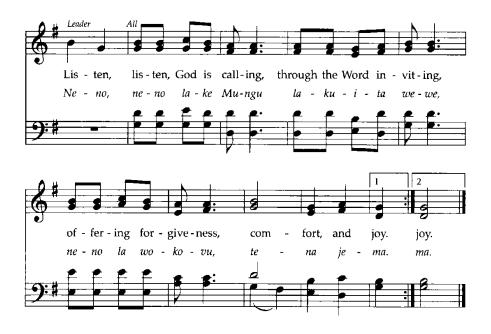
Word of God! Word of life!

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: Bible study followed by discussion

Leader. Pröpstin Astrid Kleist

We sing as we gather together for prayer...



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.

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.

We pray to God, our light and salvation, in the words Jesus taught us,

Our Father in heaven...

each in their own language:

Closing Song:



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pray,

Blessing

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O Lord, we

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

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Morning Prayer and Bible Study Tuesday 18 June

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

Liturgist: Ms Cheryl Philip

Bible Study Leader: Dr Jerzy Sojka



Opening

We open with song... "La luz de Jesús ha venido a nuestro mundo"

We begin in the name of the Triune God. **Amen**. Let us sing Psalm 122.

Psalmody

Psalm 122 (from India)

Refrain: I was glad when they said to me

"let us go to the house of the Lord." I was glad. I was glad.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Our feet our standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Refrain

To Jerusalem the tribes go up. The tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you." Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

Refrain

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say: "Peace be within you" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

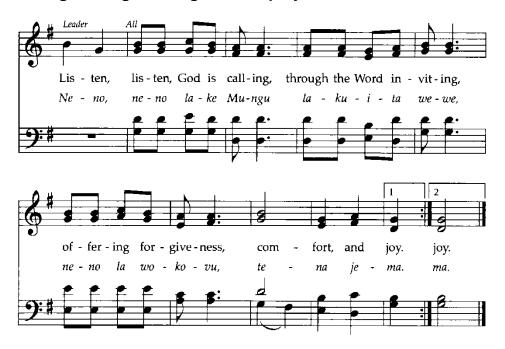
Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling.

Word of God! Word of life! Thanks be to God!

Meditation: Bible study followed by discussion

Leader: Dr Jerzy Sojka

We sing as we gather together for prayer...



Prayer

Intercessions

For the church that it continually listen to your voice in the surprising and disruptive ways you manifest yourself, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For us all that we proclaim in our lives and in our words your Good News in and out of season, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For our work today that our dialogue and voting faithfully lead our communion further along the way the Holy Spirit traces in the midst of this world, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the countries and homes from which we come and for our entire world, build our capacity and resolve to contribute effectively to sustainable development goals, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the rhythm of the day and the night, for heat and cold, for rain and sun, for this earth that we live in it justly, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the elderly and children, for all who hunger in their heart, that our communities be places of encounter, joy, and equality, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who are and will be traveling, protect them and bring them safely to their destination, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who remain here and continue the good work begun and as well as starting the new work set before us, we pray...

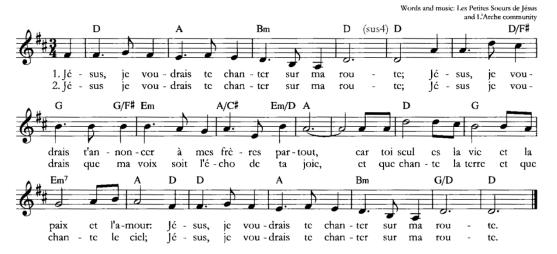
Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

And for all those we have not named but who are known to you, we pray...

Sung Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

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...



Français:

3. Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route, Jésus, je voudrais m'attacher avec Toi sur la croix, car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang; Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route. 4. Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route, entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi, jusqu'à l'aube du jour oú ton peuple sauvé, Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.

English:

- 1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go: for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.