

**WORLD COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CLOSING WORSHIP**

Wednesday, 15 May 2019

*Opening*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us praise God!  
In the fellowship of God's people,  
let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Great are your works, O God,  
full of glory and majesty.**

Let us celebrate God's steadfast love!  
In the fellowship of God's people,  
let us rejoice for being united in Christ.  
**Your faithfulness, O God,  
endures to all generations.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!  
In the fellowship of God's people,  
let us walk in the Spirit.  
**Teach us your ways, O God,  
and guide our feet into the ways of peace.**

*Passing of peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us share peace with one another!

*[You may exchange a sign of peace by words and gestures from your countries.]*

♪ **Aleluya Y'in Oluwa** (*Alleluia, praise the Lord*)

Aleluya Y'in Oluwa.  
Aleluya Y'in Oluwa.  
O seun, o seun, o seun, o seun baba.  
Aleluya Y'in Oluwa.

Alleluia, praise the Lord.  
Alleluia, praise the Lord.  
Praises, high praises now bring to the Lord.  
Alleluia, praise the Lord.

## Prayer

Living God,  
 we are so grateful for these past days.  
 We thank you for discussions and decisions,  
 for agreements and differences,  
 for encounter and fellowship,  
 for songs and prayers,  
 for old stories and new ways of seeing ourselves and the world.  
 We thank you for your presence among us in many ways  
 and for all the gifts that you gave us  
 through the hospitality and generosity of your church in this place,  
 for the insights and wisdom of the Executive Committee members and guests,  
 and for the hard works of the WCRC staff members and leaders.  
 We thank you for the renewal that you are working in us,  
 and for the seeds of transformation that you have planted within us.  
 Forgive us if we fail to put in practice all good things that we have discussed;  
 and through our words and actions have hurt other people.  
 Forgive us when we do not yearn for your righteousness  
 and are careless about our cities.  
 Forgive us when we are too weak to stand up for what is right  
 and fail to bring your shalom in our daily lives.  
 Let your word we have heard remain in our hearts to sustain and provoke us.  
 Let the songs we have sung remain on our lips.  
 Let the bread and wine that we are about to receive  
 strengthen our communion with Jesus Christ, our Lord, and with each other.  
 Let your Spirit enable us to carry out our decisions  
 and empower us to be the light of the world.  
 Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

## ♪ *Halle, halle, hallelujah*

Anonymous, Caribbean

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le -

lu - ja, Hal - le - lu - ja.

***Prayer for illumination***

O Lord, heavenly Father,  
 in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom,  
 enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit,  
 and give us grace to receive your Word  
 with reverence and humility,  
 without which no person can understand your truth,  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
 be all glory. **Amen.** *(John Calvin)*

***Scripture reading Psalm 11***

<sup>1</sup> In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me,  
 ‘Flee like a bird to the mountains;  
<sup>2</sup> for look, the wicked bend the bow,  
 they have fitted their arrow to the string,  
 to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.  
<sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed,  
 what can the righteous do?’  
<sup>4</sup> The LORD is in his holy temple;  
 the LORD’s throne is in heaven.  
 His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked,  
 and his soul hates the lover of violence.  
<sup>6</sup> On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulphur;  
 a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.  
<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous;  
 he loves righteous deeds;  
 the upright shall behold his face.

***Reflection*** Rev. Chris Ferguson, *WCRC General Secretary*

♪ *Christ be our light*

Bernadette Farrell  
Bm<sup>7</sup>

N.C. Em D Em Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup>

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for truth, we turn to  
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for hope, man - y des -  
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still

Em Em Am D G C Am D(sus<sup>4</sup>) D

you. Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 pair. Your word a - lone has power to save us: make us your liv - ing voice.  
 thirst. Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.

G C/G G Bm Em Am D

Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the dark - ness.

G C G C D G

Christ be our light, shine in your church, gath - ered to - day.

4. Longing for shelter, people are homeless.  
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
 Make us your building, sheltering others,  
 Walls made of living stone.  
 Chorus

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
 Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
 Let us be servants to one another,  
 Making your kingdom come.  
 Chorus

### *Prayer of the people*

Your gifts and love, O Lord, are ours to share:  
 therefore we pray for others.

For those whose lives of loving faith and service  
 have led others to work for reconciliation, we pray:

### *Ya Rab urham*

Orthodox

Ya Rab ur - ham. Ya Rab ur - ham. Ya Rab ur - ham.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Seigneur, aie pitié. Herr, erbarme dich. Señor, ten piedad.

For the sick, the suffering, the captive;  
 for their safety and salvation, we pray:

### *Ya Rab urham*

For the government, people and churches in Switzerland  
and in all other countries, we pray:

*♪ Ya Rab urham*

For those who are called to proclaim the gospel, to strive for peace and justice,  
and to bear witness in difficult situations, we pray:

*♪ Ya Rab urham*

For all who live and work around the world in the spirit of faith,  
hope and love, we pray:

*♪ Ya Rab urham*

For the ecumenical movement that it may become a Pentecostal sign  
of unity and a foretaste of God's coming kingdom, we pray:

*♪ Ya Rab urham*

For the World Communion of Reformed Churches,  
its member churches, leaders, and staff members:  
may the Holy Spirit strengthen us  
to walk together with love and humility,  
and to serve together your people and creation,  
we pray:

*(Adapted from "Celebrating Community")*

*♪ Ya Rab urham*

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
who taught us to pray:

*The Lord's prayer (in the language of your choice)*

### ***The Holy Communion***

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate  
is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

We come in remembrance  
that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world  
to assume our flesh and blood  
and to fulfil for us all obedience to the divine law,  
even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.  
By his death, resurrection, and ascension  
he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation  
that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

We come to have communion with this same Christ  
who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.  
In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us

as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.  
 In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the Vine  
 in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

We come in hope,  
 believing that this bread and this cup  
 are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love  
 of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come,  
 when with unveiled face we shall behold him,  
 made like unto him in his glory.

Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension  
 Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit  
 who unites us all in one body,  
 so are we to receive this Supper in true love,  
 mindful of the communion of saints.

Jesus said,  
 "I am the bread of life.  
 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
 and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

### ***Communion prayer***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty  
 to give thanks to you at all times and in all places,  
 O Lord our Creator,  
 almighty and everlasting God!  
 You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty.  
 When darkness covered the face of the deep,  
 you created light to sustain your creation.  
 You have given us life and being,  
 and preserve us by your providence.  
 But you have shown us the fullness of your love  
 in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation.  
 We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
 who has shown us your way of love and truth in parables and miracles,  
 and through his own life, death and resurrection.  
 He is the light of the world that shines in the darkness,  
 For the precious gift of this mighty Saviour who has reconciled us to you  
 we praise and bless you, O God.  
 With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
 we worship and adore your glorious name.

*♩ Santo, santo, santo*

Argentina

*Flowing* ♩ = 64

San - to, san - to, san - to.      Mí co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!      Mí  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.      My heart, my heart      a - dores you!      My

co - ra - zón      te sa - be de - cir:      San - to e - res      Se - ñor!  
heart knows how      to say to you:      Ho - ly are      you, Lord!

Most righteous God,  
we remember in this Supper  
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ  
for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again,  
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.  
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**  
**Christ is risen!**  
**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
that the bread which we break  
and the cup which we bless  
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
Grant that, being joined together in him,  
we may attain to the unity of the faith  
and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,  
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,  
grant, O Lord, that your whole Church  
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

***Communion***

*[In full view of the people the minister shall take the bread and say:]*

The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it

*[The minister shall break the bread.]*

and gave it to them, saying,  
 “Take, eat;  
 this is my body which is given for you:  
 do this in remembrance of me.”

*[Lifting the cup, the minister shall say:]*

After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supped,  
 saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood:  
 this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

This is the Lord’s table.  
 Our Saviour invites those who trust him  
 to share the feast that he has prepared.

*(Adapted from the Lord’s Supper according to the Reformed Church in America)*

*[You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine.]*

### ***Prayer of thanksgiving after communion***


Praise the Lord, my soul;  
**all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**  
 Praise the Lord, my soul,  
**and forget not all his benefits—**  
 who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases,**  
 who redeems your life from the pit  
**and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Lord God,  
 in deep gratitude  
 for this moment, this meal, these people,  
 we give ourselves to you.  
 Take us out to live as changed people  
 because we have shared the living bread  
 and cannot remain the same.  
 Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
 enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
 So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
 both as inhabitants of earth  
 and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. **Amen.**

♪ *Enviado soy de Dios*



Dm




En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -  
 Sent out in Je -sus' name, our hands are rea - dy now to  
 En - voy - é par Dieu. Voi - là mes mains Sei - gneur pour

Gm A7 Dm



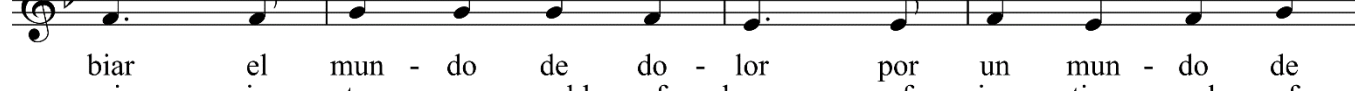
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
 make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes.  
 con - struire un monde de jus - tice et de paix.

Gm Dm



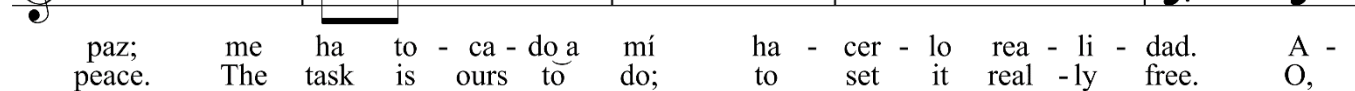
Los án - ge - les non son en - via - dos a cam -  
 The an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and  
 Les ang - es ne peuvent trans - for - mer un

Gm A7 Dm



biar el mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de  
 pain in to a world of love, of jus - tice and of  
 monde de dou - leur et de peine en un lieu d'a - mi -

D7 Gm Dm



paz; me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -  
 peace. The task is ours to do; to set it real - ly free. O,  
 tié. A moi d'y tra - vail - ler et que se ré - a - lise, a -

A7 Dm



yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
 help us to o - bey, and car - ry out your will.  
 vec ton aide, ô Dieu, ta vo - lon - té sur terre.

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***Sending and blessing***

The light of God has shone upon us.  
Carry that light to the places where you go.

**The light of God that led us to worship  
now leads us to serve in God's world.**

When we have met God in the light,  
we cannot dwell comfortably in the shadows.

**We cannot enjoy our abundance and wealth  
without thanksgiving and generous sharing.**

The glory of God shines on you today.

Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

**We seek God's peace that we may share it,  
God's wisdom that we may live by it,  
in Christ's name and by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**God bless us and keep us.**

**God's face shine upon us**

**and be gracious to us.**

**May God look upon us with kindness**

**and give us peace.**

**Amen.**