

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

**EVENING PRAYER**

Friday, 10 May 2019

*Opening*

God, come to our aid.

**Lord, make haste to help us.**

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**that the light of your face may shine on us.**

May your justice shine like the sun;

**and may the poor be lifted up.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, will be for ever. Amen. Hallelujah!**

*Lumière de Dieu*

Sisters of Grandchamp: Switzerland



Lu - miè - re de Dieu, in - on - de la ter - re, vi -  
Come light, light of God, give light to cre - a - tion, en -  
Komm, gött - li - ches Licht, er - leuch - te die Er - de, er -  
Ven luz, luz de Dios, i - nun - da la tie - rra, vi -



si - te nos coeurs et de - meure a - vec nous.  
light - en our hearts and re - main with your world.  
füll uns - re Her - zen, nimm Woh - nung in uns.  
sí - ta - nos siem - pre y qué - da - te a - quí.

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*Psalm 141*

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

**give ear to my voice when I call to you.**

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,

**and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.**

Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;

**keep watch over the door of my lips.**

Do not turn my heart to any evil,

**to busy myself with wicked deeds**

in company with those who work iniquity;

**do not let me eat of their delicacies.**

Let the righteous strike me;  
**let the faithful correct me.**

Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,  
**for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.**

When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,  
**then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.**

Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land,  
**so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.**

But my eyes are turned towards you, O God, my Lord;  
**in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenceless.**

Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me,  
**and from the snares of evildoers.**

Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
**while I alone escape.**

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*Gospel reading*      *Luke 6:17-26*

<sup>17</sup> One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup>Just then some men came, carrying a paralysed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; <sup>19</sup>but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>When he saw their faith, he said, **‘Friend, your sins are forgiven you.’** <sup>21</sup>Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, ‘Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ <sup>22</sup>When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, “Your sins are forgiven you”, or to say, “Stand up and walk”? <sup>24</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—he said to the one who was paralysed— **‘I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.’** <sup>25</sup>Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup>Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, ‘We have seen strange things today.’

*Silent reflection*

*Prayer*

Living God,  
 you heal our brokenness and forgive our sins;  
 you provide our needs and cast away our fears.  
 You have walked with us today.  
 We thank you for all the ways in which we are blessed.  
 Keep us open to see you in those we meet with,  
 to discover new ideas in our work here  
 and to dare to believe in doing things differently  
 for the sake of your will for creation.  
 Through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ,  
 who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

♪ *Abide with me*

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
 The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide.  
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee.  
 Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

*(Words: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847; music: William Henry Monk, 1861)*

*Closing*

The wisdom of God be ours,  
**that by day we may act with discernment  
 and by night, rest untroubled.**

The strength of God be ours,  
**that by day we may stand firm  
 with Christ and by night, be re-charged.**

The stillness of God be ours,  
**that by day we may embody God's peace  
 and by night, know that God is near.  
 Amen.**