

WORLD COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

EVENING PRAYER

Monday, 13 May 2019

Opening

God, come to our aid.

Lord, make haste to help us.

O God, how precious is your love!

All people take refuge in you:

in you is the fountain of life

in your light we see light.

**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. Alleluia.**

f *Jésus le Christ*

Hm Em A D Hm A D G⁶

Jé - sus le Christ, lu-mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se pas mes té - nè - bres me par -
 Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us. Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to
 Chri - stus, dein Licht ver - klärt uns - re Schat ten, las - se nicht zu, dass das Dun - kel zu uns
 Cris - to Je - sús, oh fue - go que a - bra - sa, que las ti - nie - blas en mí no ten gan

4 Fis Hm Em A D G

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 voz. Cris - to Je - sús, di - si - pa mis som - bras. Y que en

7 G⁶ Fis Hm

moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour. Jé - sus le
 heart al - ways wel - come your love. Lord Je - sus
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Psalm 116:5-17

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
 The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, God saved me.
 Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
 For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
 I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.
 I kept my faith, even when I said,
'I am greatly afflicted';
 I said in my consternation,
'Everyone is a liar.'
 What shall I return to the LORD
for all God's bounty to me?
 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of the faithful ones.
 O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
Praise the LORD!

*Silent reflection**In memoriam*

1. Rev. Dr. Peter Borgdorff – Rev. Lisa VanderWal
2. Rev. Robina Winbush – Rev. Michael Blair
3. Rev. Dr. C.M. Kao – Rev. Lian Chin-Siong

♪ *For all the saints (stanzas 1 to 3)*

Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fort - ress and their might, thou, Lord, their
 3. O blest com - mun - ion! fel - low - ship di - vine! We feeb - ly
 4. But lo, there breaks a yet more glor - ious day; the saints tri -
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through gates of



faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
 cap - tain in the well - fought fight, thou in the dark - ness
 strug - gle, they in glor - y shine; yet all are one in
 umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray: the King of glor - y
 pearl streams in the count - less host, sing - ing to Fath - er,



be for - ev - er blest.
 drear their one true light. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
 thee, for all are thine.
 pass - es on his way.
 Son and Ho - ly - Ghost.

Prayer of thanksgiving

Eternal God,
 we thank you for the faithful disciples of every generation
 and for the communion of saints that transcends time and space.

Today, we thank you for the life of your servants:

Robina Winbush, Peter Borgdorff, C.M. Kao

We celebrate with grateful hearts their courage and vision,
 their faith and faithfulness as they laboured for the Ecumenical Movement
 and struggled to bring the churches together.

We rejoice in their wisdom, knowledge and many gifts,
 and their unswerving commitment to unity, peace and justice.

We celebrate their hope and confidence that you will bring to fulfillment
 what you began in Jesus Christ.

We celebrate their commitment to live and die in your service.

Now we pray that you will use even us
 to reflect the glory we see in Christ.

May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ,
 swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts,
 through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The day you gave us, Lord

John Ellerton (1870), England

Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1874), England

The day you gave - us, Lord has end - ed; the dark - ness
 Die Er - de rollt dem Tag ent - ge - gen; wir ru - hen
 Ja - mais le so - leil ne se cou - che sur ton Roy -

deep ens, east to west; our morn - ing hymns to you as
 aus in die - ser Nacht und dan - ken dir, wenn wir uns
 aume Ô Dieu puis - sant! Il faut qu'un jour tou - tes les

end - ed; your praise now sanc - ti - fies our rest.
 le - gen, dass dei - ne Kir - sche im - mer wacht.
 bou - ches dis - ent ta gloire, en saints ac - cents.

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.