

# 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.

### *Jésus le Christ*

**Hm**      Em      A      D      **Hm**      A      D      G<sup>6</sup>

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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spricht. Chri - stus, dein Licht, er - strahlt auf der Er - de, und du  
voz. Cris - to Je - sús, di - si - pa mis som - bras. Y que en

7      G<sup>6</sup>      **Fis**      **Hm**

moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour. Jé - sus le  
heart al - ways wel - come your love. Lord Je - sus  
sagst uns: Auch ihr seid das Licht. Chri - stus, dein  
mí só - lo ha - ble tu a - mor. Cris - to Je -

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### Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of God's name;**

**and offer glorious praise!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name."**

Come and see what God has done:

**the Lord is awesome in deeds among mortals.**

The Lord turned the sea into dry land;

**they passed through the river on foot.**

There we rejoiced in God,

**who rules by might forever,**

whose eyes keep watch on the nations –

**let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of God's praise be heard,

**who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

For you, O God have tested us;

**you have tried us as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the net;

**you laid burdens on our backs;**

**you let people ride over our heads;**

we went through fire and through water;

**yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Truly God has listened

and has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**Blessed be God**

**who has not rejected my prayer,**

**or removed steadfast love from me.**

### *f* **Bless the Lord my soul**

Psalm 103:1

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half rest, followed by quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, and finally a half note G5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes (G2, F2, E2, D2) and a treble line of chords (G4, B4, D5). The second system continues the vocal line with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a half rest, quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, and finally a half note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and treble chords.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

### *P* **Prayer**

We give you thanks and praise, O God of endless light,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him your light shines in our hearts  
and reveals the light that never fades.

As daylight comes to an end  
 and darkness begins to fall,  
 we thank you for the light of day,  
 created for our work and pleasure,  
 and bless you for the gift of this evening light.  
 All praise to you, O God,  
 through Jesus Christ, your Son:  
 through him all glory and honour is yours,  
 with the Holy Spirit, in the holy church now and forever.  
**Amen.**

***Scripture reading    Jeremiah 30:10-17***

<sup>10</sup> But as for you, have no fear, my servant Jacob, says the LORD,  
 and do not be dismayed, O Israel;  
 for I am going to save you from far away,  
 and your offspring from the land of their captivity.

Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease,  
 and no one shall make him afraid.

<sup>11</sup> For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you;

I will make an end of all the nations  
 among which I scattered you,  
 but of you I will not make an end.

I will chastise you in just measure,  
 and I will by no means leave you unpunished.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

Your hurt is incurable,  
 your wound is grievous.

<sup>13</sup> There is no one to uphold your cause,  
 no medicine for your wound,  
 no healing for you.

<sup>14</sup> All your lovers have forgotten you;  
 they care nothing for you;  
 for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy,  
 the punishment of a merciless foe,  
 because your guilt is great,  
 because your sins are so numerous.

<sup>15</sup> Why do you cry out over your hurt?  
 Your pain is incurable.

Because your guilt is great,  
 because your sins are so numerous,  
 I have done these things to you.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured,  
 and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity;  
 those who plunder you shall be plundered,  
 and all who prey on you I will make a prey.

<sup>17</sup> For I will restore health to you,  
 and your wounds I will heal,  
 says the LORD.

***Silent reflection***

***Prayer***

Almighty and merciful God,  
 you are always with all your children  
 to save and heal us,  
 to love and forgive us.

We pray for those who have special needs.

To all who suffer any sickness or weakness, give health and strength,  
 we especially pray for .... [*you may name those who are ill*].

To all who are disturbed or troubled, give rest and understanding.

To all who are lonely and alienated, give fellowship and love.

To all who grieve and sorrow, give comfort and assurance.

To all who suffer from violence and war, give peace and healing.

To all who are aged and frail, give homes of comfort and safety,  
 and others to help them, and a willingness to accept help.

God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Protect your people, O God,  
 and keep us safe  
 until the coming of your new dawn  
 and the establishment of your righteous rule.  
 By your Holy Spirit,  
 stir up within us a longing  
 for the light of your new day,  
 and guide us by the radiance of Jesus Christ  
 your Son, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

***♪ The day you gave us, Lord***

The day you gave us, Lord, has ended;  
 the darkness deepens, east to west;  
 our morning hymns to you ascended;  
 your praise now sanctifies our rest.

***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.**