

WORLD COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MORNING PRAYER

Friday, 10 May 2019

*This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray with and for the people and churches of Indian Ocean Islands:
Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.*

Light font: spoken by one person

Bold font: spoken by all congregants

[You may stand.]

Opening

Sing to the Lord a new song;

let all the people of the earth sing a new song unto the Lord.

Let us proclaim the glory of the Lord to all the nations

and the Lord's marvellous deeds to all peoples.

For the Lord is great and worthy of praise above all gods.

The Lord created the heavens and the earth.

The Lord forgives all our iniquities.

The Lord heals our diseases.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad,

let the sea resound and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant and everything in them;

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the Lord.

Let us sing to the Lord a new song.

Nyanyikanlah nyanyian baru (Sing the Lord a new song)

Psalm 148; Tilly Lubis, Indonesia
Para. Rolando S. Tinio

Nyanyikanlah
traditional Batak melody, Toba, Indonesia



1. *Nya-nyi-kan-lah nya-nyi-an ba-ru ba-gi Al-lah, Pen-cip-ta ca-kra-wa la. Se-*
1. Sing the Lord a new song and praise his whole cre-a-tion, the earth and hea-vens a-bove; all



ga-la se-ra-fim ke-ru-bim, pu-ji-lah Di-a be-sar-kan-lah Na-ma-Nya.
ser-a-phim will praise him with all the hosts of cher-u-bim join-ning voi-ces in praise.



Ber-so-rak so-rai ba-gi Ra-ja-mu! Ber-so-rak so-rai ba-gi Ra-ja-mu!
Great is his name, sing his praise and re-joice; great is his name, sing his praise and re-joice.

5. Kings and princes, rulers in all the world
 and judges, magistrates, sages, magi;
 young men and maidens,
 old men and women and the children
 who make the people of God,
 offer him thanks, you are blessed of all,
 offer him thanks, you are blessed of all.

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD of the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
 Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!
 Praise the LORD, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for God commanded and they were created.
 The LORD established them for ever and ever;
and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
 Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea dragons and all creatures of the deep,
 fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!
 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
 Rulers of the earth and all peoples!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for God's name alone is exalted;
 God's glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the LORD!

♪ *Aleluya Y'in Oluwa!*

♩ = 126

as taught by Emmanuel Badejo, Nigeria

1. A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa. A - le - lu - ya
 2. E k'or - in a - yo s'O - lu - wa. E k'or - in a - yo
 3. E k'o - rin e lu' - lu f'O - lu - wa. E k'o - rin e lu' - lu
 1. Al - le - lu - ja, praise the Lord. Al - le - lu - ja,
 2. Songs of joy sing to the Lord. Songs of joy sing
 3. Beat the drums; sing out for the Lord. Beat the drums; sing out

Y'in O - lu - wa. O seun, o seun, o seun, o seun ba - ba.
 s'O - lu - wa ka f'o - pe fun ka si tun ma - a jo
 f'O - lu - wa. O seun, o seun, o seun, o seun ba - ba
 praise the Lord. Prais - es, high prais - es, now bring to the Lord.
 to the Lord. Danc - ing and sing - ing your prais - es to God,
 for the Lord. Prais - es, high prais - es, give thanks to the Lord.

A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa.
 e k'or - in a - yo s'O - lu - wa.
 e k'o - rin e lu' - lu f'O - lu - wa.
 Al - le - lu - ja, praise the Lord.
 songs of joy sing to the Lord.
 Beat the drums; sing out for the Lord.

[Please be seated.]

Prayer for illumination

We praise you, O God,
 for the sun of righteousness rises
 with healing in its wings.
 May the warm and healing rays of the light,
 our Lord Jesus Christ,
 soften, heal, and transform us
 through the power of your Holy Spirit
 as your Word is proclaimed today. **Amen.**

*Scripture reading**Daniel 6:1-15*

¹It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, ²and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. ⁴So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. ⁵The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ¹³Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

The Wisdom of God

God's word made new.

Meditation

Rev. Annabelle Lalla-Ramkelawan

Prayer of the people

God of compassion,
 we remember before you
 the poor and the afflicted,
 the sick and the dying,
 prisoners and all who are lonely,
 the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity,
 and those who are discriminated because of their faiths and nationalities.
 God of all mercies,
hear our prayer.

O Lord of providence
 holding the destiny of the nations in your hand,

we pray for our countries.
 Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders
 that they, together with all nations,
 may first seek your kingdom and righteousness
 so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.
 God of all mercies,
hear our prayer.

O God the Creator,
 we pray for all nations and peoples.
 Joining the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle,
 this week we especially pray for the peoples in the Indian Ocean Islands.
 Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding
 that divide your creatures;
 increase in us the recognition that we are all your children.
 God of all mercies,
hear our prayer.

O Saviour God,
 look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.
 Have mercy on its weakness,
 bring to an end its unhappy divisions,
 and scatter its fears.
 Look also upon the ministry of your church.
 Increase its courage, strengthen its faith,
 and inspire its witness to all people,
 even to the ends of the earth.
 God of all mercies,
hear our prayer.

Author of grace and God of love,
 send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present.
 Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Saviour,
 who has taught us to pray:

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

[*You may stand.*]

♪ **Dios de la esperanza**

Alvin Schutmaat

Hispanic folk song



Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! al mun - do en
 May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
 Que le Dieu de l'es - pé - rance é - claire nos jours, rem - plis - sant nos

cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da
 lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
 vi - es de sa joie, sa paix. Que le Dieu de la jus - tice et

nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
 de l'a - mour nous mon - tre le che - min de la vé - ri - té.

O - re - mos por la paz. Can - te - mos de tu a - mor.
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace, sing - ing share our joy with all,
 Pri - ons, oev - rons pour la paix, chan - tons, le coeur plein de joie;

— Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 work - ing for a world that's new,
 — vi - vons le roy - aume de Dieu,

fie - les a Ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
 soy - ons fi - dèles à sa voix.

Music: Hispanic folk song. Words: Alvin Schutmaat (1921-1988); French: Andrew Donaldson © 1996 The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Sending and blessing

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of every day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know God will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

**May the blessing of the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be with us today and remain with us always. Amen.**