

WORLD COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MORNING PRAYER

Monday, 13 May 2019

Light font: spoken by one person

Bold font: spoken by all congregants

[You may stand.]

Opening

Formed in our mother's womb, created in God's image,
we give thanks to God of the living, maker of heaven and earth.
Baptized and adopted as God's children,
we are given new life through Jesus Christ, God's living word.
Called to follow God's guidance and to be a blessing,
we are inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the living water.
Woven as a community of love, united in faith and hope,
we worship and glorify the Blessed Trinity.

f **Great God, your love has called us here** (stanzas 1, 2, 5)

Brian Wren

John Bacchus Dykes

1. Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your
2. We come with self - in - flic - ted pains of bro - ken trust and cho - sen wrong, half -
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us as your own not
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and call us friends. Suf -
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give

liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though marred, dis - hon - oured, dis - o - beyed. We
free, half - bound by in - ner chains by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by
through some mer - it, right or claim but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We
fer and serve till all are fed and show how grand - ly love in - tends to
us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and

come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
powers and sys - tems close con - fined yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
strain to glimpse your mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
work till all cre - a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
of - fer all that faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Psalm 145 (verses 1,-2, 8-9, 13b-18)

I will extol you, my God and Sovereign,
and bless your name forever and ever.
 Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
 The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 The LORD is good to all,
and your compassion is over all that you have made.

♪ Praise to the Lord

Musical notation for the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!". The score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 9/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise to the Lord, the Al- might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion!"

All the words of the LORD are faithful,
All the deeds of the LORD are gracious,
 The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
 You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
 All the ways of the LORD are just;
all the doings of the Lord are kind.
 The LORD is near to all who call,
to all who call on the Lord in truth.

♪ Praise to the Lord

[Please be seated.]

Prayer

Master and Lord Almighty,
 look down from heaven upon your church,
 upon all your people, and upon all your flocks,
 and save all of us, your unworthy servants,
 the creatures of your fold;
 grant to us your peace, your love and your help;
 send down upon us the gifts of your most Holy Spirit,
 that in a pure heart and with a good conscience
 we may salute one another with a holy kiss,
 not in hypocrisy, but blameless and unspotted,
 in one spirit, in the bond of peace and of love,
 one body and one spirit, in one faith,

as we have also been called in one hope of our calling,
 that we may all of us arrive
 at the divine and boundless affection,
 in Christ Jesus, our Lord,
 with whom you are blessed.

(Prayer from the liturgy of St Mark)

Amen.

Scripture reading ***Jeremiah 30:1-9***

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. ³For the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors and they shall take possession of it.

⁴ These are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah:

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

We have heard a cry of panic,
 of terror, and no peace.

⁶ Ask now, and see,
 can a man bear a child?

Why then do I see every man
 with his hands on his loins like a woman in labour?
 Why has every face turned pale?

⁷ Alas! that day is so great
 there is none like it;

it is a time of distress for Jacob;
 yet he shall be rescued from it.

⁸ On that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will break the yoke from off his neck, and I will burst his bonds, and strangers shall no more make a servant of him. ⁹But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

The Wisdom of God
God's word made new.

Reflection *Rev. Mary Ekinde Salle*

Prayer of the people

Let us pray:
 Your will be done, O God.
 Your will for the world
 – a world where shalom is the law.
 Yet, it is not so.

Therefore we ask you:
 Where people of faith suspect each other,
 where the stranger is not welcomed,
 where there is no trust, only fear and judgement,
God of renewal, send listeners and bridge-builders.

Where people are oppressed because of their identities,
where women and children become targets of violence and trafficking,
where people are denied their basic rights to live in fullness
God of renewal, send hearts of compassion and visions to save lives.

Where peace seems like a lost hope, trampled into the rubble of bombed towns,
where people are fleeing their beloved homelands,
where Christians are persecuted and churches are destroyed,
**God of renewal, plant seeds through people and prayer and protest
and all that says to the powerful: there is another way.**

And we pray for ourselves – that we will be your instruments of renewal –
in our own local communities and wherever you call us to do the work of your Kingdom.
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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

[You may stand.]

♪ *El mensaje (Hear the message)*

El mensaje que hoy proclamamos

Hear the message we now are proclaiming

Eleazar Torreglosa, 1997
Luc 4: 18-19

Eleazar Torreglosa, Colombia



1. El men - sa - je que hoy pro - cla - ma - mos,
1. Hear the mes - sage we now are pro - claim - ing
1. Le mes - sa - ge que, oui, nous pro - clam - ons,
1. Uns - re Bot - schaft, die wir heut ver - kün - den,



es jus - ti - cia, es paz pa - ra el mun - do.
a - bout jus - tice and peace for cre - a - tion.
la jus - tice et la paix pour le mon - de,
das ist Frie - den und Recht für die Men - schen...



Refrain

La fe, el a - mor,
With faith and with love
La foi, et l'a - mour:
Der Glau - be und die Lie - be



1. la es - pe - ran - za de un mun - do me - jor.
and with hope we shall fight for the world.
l'es - pé - ran - ce d'un mon - de meil - leur.
und die Hoff - nung der bes - se - ren Welt.



2. la es - pe - ran - za de un mun - do me - jor.
and with hope we shall fight for the world.
d'es - pé - ran - ce d'un mon - de meil - leur.
und die Hoff - nung der bes - se - ren Welt.

2. El mensaje que hoy proclamamos
es dar nuevas de vida a los pobres.

2. Hear, the gospel we are now proclaiming,
it gives new life to those who are poorest.

3. El mensaje que hoy proclamamos:
anunciar libertad a los cautivos.

3. For the gospel we are now proclaiming,
it brings liberty for all the captives.

4. El mensaje que hoy proclamamos:
aliviar del quebranto al que sufre.

4. Yes, the message we are now proclaiming,
gives relief to the suffering people.

2. Le message que, oui, nous proclamons,
c'est la vie nouvelle pour les pauvres.

2. Unsre Botschaft, die wir heut verkünden:
Neue Hoffnung fürs Leben der Armen.

3. Le message que, oui, nous proclamons:
annoncer la liberté complète.

3. Unsre Botschaft, die wir heut verkünden,
den Gefangenen die Freiheit zu künden.

4. Le message que, oui, nous proclamons:
soulager la peur et la souffrance.

4. Unsre Botschaft, die wir heut verkünden,
heisst die Schmerzen der Leidenden lindern.

Sending and blessing

Blessed is the congregation
in which believers are
encouraged by God's gracious blessing,
and challenged by God's gracious call
to proclaim the good news of Jesus
and to live as a healing presence in the world
in the name of Jesus.

(Worshipping the Triune God, WCRC)

**May God, the source of life,
maker of heaven and earth,
graciously re-form our lives;
may Jesus Christ, the way,
and the truth, and the life,
enable us to do good and to save lives;
may the Holy Spirit,
the breath of life,
empower us to live for others;
so we may continuously sing the song of life
to the glory of the living God.
Amen.**