WORLD COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MORNING PRAYER

Monday, 13 May 2019

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[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.

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



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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.

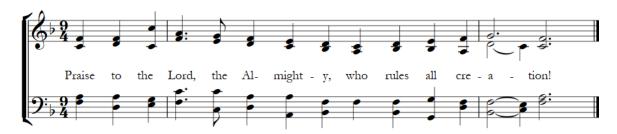
The LORD is gracious and merciful,

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



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.

[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:

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;

vet 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.

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

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

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.

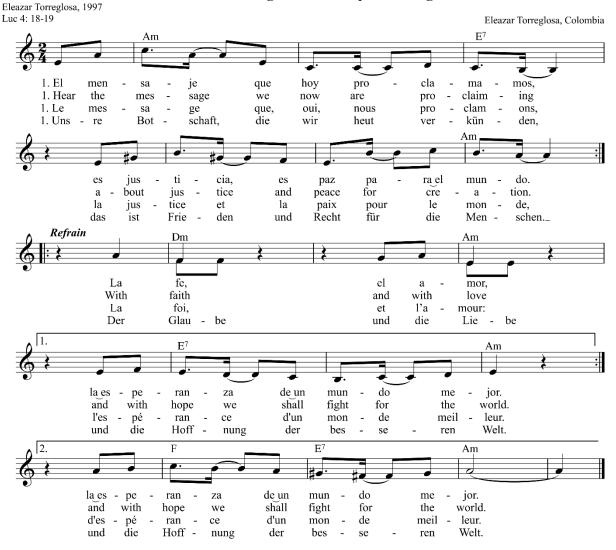
Amen.

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

[You may stand.]

El mensaje que hoy proclamamos

Hear the message we now are proclaiming



- 2. El mensaje que hoy proclamamos es dar nuevas de vida a los pobres.
- 3. El mensaje que hoy proclamamos: anunciar libertad a los cautivos.
- 4 El mensaje que hoy proclamamos: aliviar del quebranto al que sufre.
- 2. Le message que, oui, nos proclamons, c'est la vie nouvelle pour les pauvres.
- 3. Le message que, oui, nos proclamons: annoncer la liberté complète.
- 4. Le message que, oui, nos proclamons: soulager la peur et la souffrance.

- 2. Hear, the gospel we are now proclaiming, it gives new life to those who are poorest.
- 3. For the gospel we are now proclaiminng, it brings liberty for all the captives.
- 4. Yes, the message we are now proclaiming, gives relief to the suffering people.
- 2. Unsre Botschaft, die wir heut verkünden: Neue Hoffnung fürs Leben der Armen.
- 3. Unsre Botschaft, die wir heut verkünden, den Gefangnen die Freiheit zu künden.
- 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.