

ASIAN ECUMENICAL  
YOUTH ASSEMBLY

**Worship Resources**  
**Bible Studies**



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# **Section I**

# **Worship Resources**



## OPENING WORSHIP 7 April 2018

### Procession

*Welcoming Dance: Tari Kabala and Kolintang ensemble.*

*Preacher, Liturgist and dancers are entering and bringing the symbol and the element of worship.*

### Gathers in God's presence

**L** : We are young people come for Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly

**C** : **We have come from different races, cultures and churches in Asia**

**L** : We are the young people gather to seek the light and truth to lead us

**C** : **We come to celebrate the wonders of God's love, truth, justice and peace; to offer our praise and thanksgiving; to affirm our common faith and to seek God's guidance as we journey together in light and truth in all Asia.**

**L** : Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**C** : Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song (Ps. 95:1-2)

### Sing the Lord a new Song

( ♩ = 88 )



1. *Nya - nyi - kan - lah nya - nyi - an ba - ru ba - gi Al - lah, Pen - cip - ta*  
 2. *Pu - ji Di - a wa - hai men - ta - ri, wa - hai bu - lan, sem - bah - lah*  
 1. Sing the LORD a new song and praise his whole cre - a - tion, the earth and  
 2. Praise the LORD in heav - en, O sun and moon and plan - ets, a - dore un -  
 \* 3. Praise your LORD, O heav - en of heav - ens, join his prais - es, O wa - ters



*ca - kra - wa - la. Se - ga - la se - ra - fim ke - ru - bim, pu - ji - lah*  
*Di - a te - rus, dan wa - hai bin - tang - bin - tang te - rang yang ge - mer -*  
 heav - ens a - bove; all ser - a - phim will praise him with all the hosts of  
 ceas - ing - ly now; O stars that glim - mer with sil - ver light, il - lu - mi -  
 gird - ling the earth; come glo - ri - fy the pow - er that with the voice of



*Di - a be - sar - kan - lah Na - ma - Nya. Ber - so - rak so - rai ba -*  
*lap - an, mu - lia - kan Pen - cip - ta - Mu. Ber - so - rak so - rai ba -*  
 cher - u - bim join - ing voi - ces in praise. Great is his name, sing his  
 nate your cre - a - tor with beam - ing praise. Great is your mak - er, re -  
 heav - en said, "let there be wa - ters now." Great is your king, glo - ry



*gi Ra - ja - mu!* *Ber - so - rak so - rai ba - gi Ra - ja - mu!*  
*gi Ra - ja - mu!* *Ber - so - rak so - rai ba - gi Ra - ja - mu!*  
 praise and re - joice; great is his name, sing his praise and re - joice.  
 joice in his name; great is your mak - er, re - joice in his name.  
 be his do - main; great is your king, glo - ry be his do - main.



### Opening Prayer

L : God of light and truth,  
 you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.  
 Before the brightness of your presence  
 the angels veil their faces.  
 With lowly reverence and adoring love  
 we acclaim your glory  
 and sing your praise,  
 for you have shown us your truth and love  
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen (*Worship Resource Book*)

### Giving thanks for God's Marvelous Works

L : We give thanks to God, for marvelous works He had done.  
 C : Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His loves endures forever

### O Give Thanks to the Lord

**O Give Thanks to the Lord**

*♩ = 88*

**Leader**

1. O give thanks to the LORD who is good,  
 2. Who a lone has wrought mar - vel - ous works,  
 3. It was God who made the great lights,  
 4. God let Is - rael in - her - it their land,  
 5. It was God who saved us from our foes,

**Congregation**

For God's stead - fast love en - dures for - e - ver.  
*Ta di ci - ai a yong - yuan chang - cun.*

**Leader**

O give thanks to the God of gods.  
 God in wis - dom rule the skies,  
 The sun to rule the day,  
 On those ser - vants their land the God be - stowed,  
 God gives food to all liv - ing things,

**Congregation**

For God's stead - fast love en - dures for - e - ver.  
*Tang di ci - ai yong - yuan chang - chun.*

**Leader**

O Who fixed the earth and firm - ly LORD of lords.  
 The moon and stars on in the seas.  
 God re - mem - bered us in our dis - night.  
 To the the God of heaven give tress.  
 thanks.

**Congregation**

For God's stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.  
*Ta di ci - ai yong - yuan chang - cun.*





L : We give thanks for the opportunities to gather in this assembly of AEYA.

R1 : We give thanks to God for opportunities to initiate a process of common search for light and truth amidst adverse realities in Asia

*Response of the people:*

**Leader**



1. O give thanks to the LORD who is good,  
 2. Who a - lone has wrought mar - vel - ous works,  
 3. It was God who made the great lights,  
 4. God let Is - rael in - her - it their land,  
 5. It was God who saved us from our foes,

**Congregation**



For God's stead - fast love en - dures for - e - ver.  
 Ta di ci - a yong - yuan chang - cun.

R2 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to Journey together in search of light and truth in Asia's diverse contexts together with all God's people in Asia;

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

R3 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to reaffirm our faith and becoming part of God's mission in prophetic witness

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

R4 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to help recognize the need for a clear vision of society's struggles at present time.

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

R5 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to understand and value each other's norms and tradition from different contexts in Asia;

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

R6 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to promote the harmonious relationship among the diversities in Asia while being engaged in a journey to seek light and truth;

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

R7 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to take inspirations from those who struggled and contributed for peace with justice in the household of God;

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

R8 : We give thanks to God for the opportunities to help to rediscover our identity as young Christian in Asia's multi-religious and pluralistic contexts

**C : O Give Thanks to The Lord**

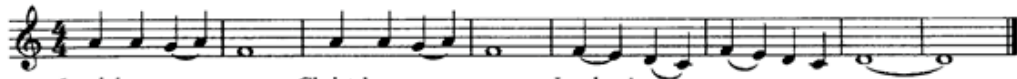
**Confession of Sins**

L : God of love and justice,  
 We long for peace within and peace without.  
 We long for harmony among the people in Asia,  
 For serenity in the midst of struggle.



## 15. KYRIE (SINGAPORE)

Swee Hong Lim, Singapore




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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We long for the day when our homes  
 will be a dwelling place for your love.  
 Yet we confess that we are often anxious,  
 We do not trust each other,  
 And we harbor violence.

Swee Hong Lim, Singapore




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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We are not willing to take the risks  
 And make the sacrifices that love requires.  
 Look upon us with kindness and grace.  
 Rule in our homes and in all the world;

Swee Hong Lim, Singapore



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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Show us how to walk in your paths, as we journey together in the light and truth  
 Through the mercy of our Savior.  
**Amen.** (*Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*)

### The Lord's Prayer (*each in own language*)

#### Assurance of Pardon

L : The God who challenges us  
 is also the God who encourages us  
 The God who confronts us  
 is also the God who accepts us.  
 Be assured that God is with us even now,  
 Accepting, guiding and forgiving.



### Passing of the peace

L : We are the Body of Christ. Let us strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
Now, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(All exchange the greeting of peace with one another with their own language of 'Shalom')

## Sing Praise to The Lord

do = d; ¾

0 0 5 | 3 5 5 | 5 . 5 | 5 4 3 | 2 . 5 |  
 1. Sing praise to the Lord, you peo-ple of grace. Fill  
 6 1 2 | 1 . 5 | 4 3 1 | 2 . 5 |  
 heav'n with the songs that sounds from his place. Since  
 3 5 5 | 5 . 5 | 5 4 3 | 2 . 5 |  
 you are God's servants and meet in his name, his  
 6 1 2 | 1 . 5 | 4 . . | 4 3 2 | 1 . . | . . |  
 wonders de - clare and his glo ry pro - claim.

*Refrain (bersama):*

6 . 6 | 6 5 4 | 5 . . | 1 2 3 |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Ha - le!  
 4 . 4 | 4 3 4 | 5 . . | 5 . . |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 6 . 6 | 6 5 4 | 5 . . | 1 2 3 |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Ha - le!  
 4 . 4 | 4 3 2 | 1 . . | 1 . . |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

His greatness exceeds what words can explain,  
 and his is the power no force can restrain;  
 with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings  
 raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.  
 (Refrain)

Where music is made, let rhythms abound:  
 let cymbals and drums add weight to the sound;  
 with dance that is graceful and words that are clear,  
 bring joy to the God you adore and revere.  
 (Refrain)

Yield all that you are to worship the Lord  
 see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;  
 let harmonies flourish and melodies soar  
 let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.  
 (Refrain)

## Scripture Reading

### Response to the Scripture

*Refrain (bersama):*

6 . 6 | 6 5 4 | 5 . . | 1 2 3 |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Ha - le!

4 . 4 | 4 3 4 | 5 . . | 5 . . |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

6 . 6 | 6 5 4 | 5 . . | 1 2 3 |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah! Ha - le!

4 . 4 | 4 3 2 | 1 . . | 1 . . |  
 Hal - le! Hal - le - lu - jah!

**Sermon** by Rev. Dr. Hein Arina, M. Th.

**Anthem** by Gema Sangkakala Jr.

### Affirmation of Faith

**L** : Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** : **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**L** : Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** : **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**L** : Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** : **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*(The Apostle's Creed)*

### Prayer of the People

**L** : We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork

In shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation.

We especially thank you for:

*(Everybody prays in silence, reflecting the miracles and particular blessings in one's life.)*

**L** : Lord, in your mercy,

**C** : **hear our prayer.**

**L** : We pray for others, God our Savior,

Claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world

and committing ourselves to care for those around us in his name.



L : We especially pray for:  
(Everybody prays in silence for churches and those who are in need and persecution.)

L : Lord, in your mercy,

C : hear our prayer.

L : God our creator,  
yours is the morning, and yours is the evening.  
Let Christ, the sun of righteousness,  
Shine forever in our hearts  
And draw us to the light of your radiant glory.  
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.  
Amen.

### Commitment as young people

L : We have received God's Word as a light that illuminates the darkness.

We have received God's Word that illuminate the path of our lives and help us to find the truth.

C : As the young Christian in Asia, we commit to follow the path of Jesus Christ.

### Christ be Our Light

Verses 1st time sing by cantor (soprano)  
2nd time sing with 2 voices (alto)  
Last time sing with choir women (or 2 voices)

♩ = 132

Bernadette Farrell

Em Am7 Em7 E(Gus4) Em Am7 Em7 E(Gus4)

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.  
 2 Long-ing for peace our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, ma-ny des-pair.  
 3 Long-ing for food, ma-ny are hun-gry. Long-ing for wa-ter, ma-ny still thirst.  
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, ma-ny are home-less. Long-ing for warmth, ma-ny are cold.  
 5 Ma-ny the gifts, ma-ny the peo-ple, ma-ny the hearts that yearn to be-long.

S. Em Am7 D G C Am D(Gus4) D

Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
 Your Word a-lone, has pow'r to save us. Make us your li-ving voice.  
 Make us your bread, bro-ken for o-thers, shared un-til all are fed.  
 Let us be ser-vents to one a-no-ther, walls made of li-ving stone.  
 ma-king your king-dom come.

Refrain 1st time sing in choir women  
2nd time in 4 voices harmony  
Last time sing with descant

17 Descant

Christ, be our light! Shine out through the dark-ness!

S. G C G Em Em Am7 D

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness

B.

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Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to-day

S. G D(Gus4) D Em Em7/D C Am7 D G

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to-day

B.



### Blessings

May God go before you to lead you  
 May God go behind you to guard you  
 May God go beneath you to support you  
 May God go beside you to befriend you  
 Do not be afraid.  
 Let the blessing of God, revealed by the light and truth,  
 Come upon you today and settle in around you.  
 Do not be afraid.  
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Amen.** (Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

### Recession

#### *We are Marching in the Light of God*

### Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light of God

Zulu Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos, si - ya -  
 English We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
 Deutsch Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht, kommt, wir  
 Español Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the  
 wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht. Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in  
 nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi - nan - do en la

nyen Kwe - nkhos, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos.  
 light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 Got - tes Licht, kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht.  
 luz de Dios, ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios.

Si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, O,  
 We are march - ing, we are march - ing, O,  
 Kommt, wir wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln, O,  
 Ca - mi - nan - do, ca - mi - nan - do, O.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht.  
 ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios.



# EVENING PRAYER 7 April 2018

*People enter the sanctuary silently, bringing one candle, lighten and put in surrounding.*

## Jesus Le Christ (Lord Jesus Christ)

Jé-sus le Christ, lu-mière in-té-rieu-re, ne lais-se pas mes té-nè-bres me par-ler.

Jé-sus le Christ, lu-mière in-té-rieu-re, don-ne-moi d'ac-cueil-lir ton a-mour. Jé-sus le

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us. Let not my doubts or my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us. Let my heart always welcome your love.**

## *Laudate Dominum (Sing, praise and bless the Lord)*

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num, om-nes gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia!

**Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.  
People! Nation! Alleluia!**

*In silence*

## **The Light**

God has promised the darkness will fade in the light  
and a new day of peace  
will finally dawn;  
With our hearts  
Joined in prayer to welcome God's reign,  
Let us receive  
His eternal light of love  
(Rodolfo Vera/L. Nacion)

## **Opening Prayer (responsively)**

Eternal Light  
**Shine into our hearts;**

Eternal Goodness,  
**Deliver us from evil;**  
Eternal Power,  
**Be our support**  
Eternal Wisdom,  
**Scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**  
Eternal Love,  
**Have mercy upon us,**  
That with all heart and mind and strength  
**We may seek your face**  
And be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*C'est toi ma lampe, Seigneur (Your word, O Lord, is a light)*



C'est toi ma lam-pe, Sei-gneur. Mon Dieu é-clai-re ma té-nè-bre. Sei-gneur, mon  
Dieu, é-clai-re ma té-nè-bre. Sei-gneur, mon Dieu, é-clai-re ma té-nè-bre. C'est

Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, enlighten my dark ness.  
O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness. O Lord, my God, enlighten my darkness.

**Bible Reading**



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia!





### Psalm 43:1-3

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;  
 Rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.  
 You are God my stronghold.  
 Why must I go about morning, oppressed by the enemy?  
 Send fort your light and your truth,  
 Let them guide me.



### John 12:36

Put your trust in the Light while you have it, so that you may become children of light



### Meditation upon the light

*Choir sing To the Unnamed Light*

### The Lord's Prayer (Each in own language)

Words: Ps 43.3

*quietly but firmly*



## Closing prayer

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace  
That where there is hatred, I may bring love  
That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness  
That where there is discord, I may bring harmony  
That where there is error, I may bring truth  
That where there is doubt, I may bring fith  
That where there is despair, I may bring hope  
That where there are shadows, I may bring light  
That where there is sadness, I may bring joy  
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort that to be comforted  
To understand , than to be understiid;  
To love, than to be understood,  
Love, than to be loved  
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven  
It is by dying that one awakens to life.  
(St. Frasicus prayer)

## Nunc dimittis



The image shows a musical score for the Nunc dimittis. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne se - cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in - pa - ce. Do - mi - ne Nunc di -".

Let your servant now, go in peace, O Lord.  
Now, go in peace according to your word.

*People leave the sanctuary silently.*

## MORNING WORSHIP

9 APRIL 2018

Anthem: Youth Choir of GMIM Bukit Moria Rike, Manado

Gathering

*Sing A Song to the Lord*

Very lively (♩ = 120)



1. Sing a song, sing a song to the LORD,  
2. Great is God, worth - y of all praise,  
3. Tribes on earth, bow, con - fess God's might,



all the world sing and bless the Name,  
wor - ship God high a - bove all things,  
bow down and give all glo - ry due,



ay, ay, sa - li - dum - may\*, ay, ay, sa - li - dum - may.



Dai - ly sing of the sav - ing power,  
Who with might made the u - ni - verse,  
Come to God, bring your gifts most rare



tell all lands of the won - drous works;  
 hon - or give to God's maj - es - ty,  
 fill heavens' hall with your joy - ful sound.



ay, ay, sa - li - dum - may, ay, ay, sa - li - dum - may.

4. Tell the nations God reigns as King,  
 judging with truth and righteousness,  
 Ay, ay, salidummay, ay, ay, salidummay.  
 Sing a song, sing a song to the Lord,  
 all the world sing and bless God's name,  
 Ay, ay, salidummay, Ay, ay, salidummay.

\*The meaning of "Salidummay " has long been forgotten, but Christians have adapted the word to express the mood of joy.

Performance suggestion: A continuously interlocking pattern

$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \circ \\ + \end{matrix}$  played on bamboo buzzers can provide a rhythmical accompaniment. + and o indicate closing and opening the hole of the bamboo buzzers respectively.



L : Light of the world,  
we bow before You in praise and adoration.

C : **You speak and summon the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

L : Your Love is all-encompassing.

C : **To You, and You alone, we gather and worship. Amen.**



### **Praising God**

Men: Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

Women: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.



Men : Glory in His holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

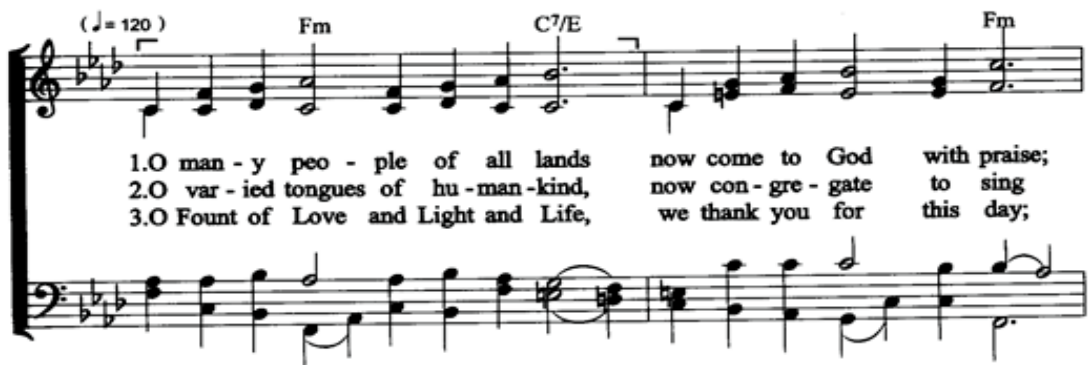
Women: Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.

**All : Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures  
forever. Praise the LORD! (Psalm 105:1-4; 117: 1, 2)**

# O Many People of All Lands

21

(♩ = 120) Fm C<sup>7</sup>/E Fm



1. O man - y peo - ple of all lands now come to God with praise;  
2. O var - ied tongues of hu - man - kind, now con - gre - gate to sing  
3. O Fount of Love and Light and Life, we thank you for this day;

C<sup>7</sup> F F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>6</sup> C C<sup>7</sup> Fm



to - geth - er shall we praise our God, LORD of all cul - ture's ways.  
with hymns of joy and won - der - ment, thank of - fring we would bring.  
we are as - sured of your sup - ply of grace all through the way.

4. O Source of hope, desire and dream,  
just as we are, we come,  
inspired by you and your great beam  
to know more of your home.
5. From here we all go out to share  
in offices and homes,  
your never-failing love and care  
in substance, deeds, and forms.



**Confession of sins**

L : God, Your son Jesus, prayed that we become one;  
we create walls to separate one from another.

**All : God, forgive our transgression.**

L : You brought light for all;  
we failed to see the light in others.

**All : God, forgive our exclusion.**

Orthodox liturgy of Kiev

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

L : You came to bring justice and peace;  
we live in passivity against injustices, hatreds and hostilities

**All : God, Forgive our obliviousness.**

L : You liberate us though the resurrection;  
We enjoyed living in bondage

**All : God, forgive our sins.**

Orthodox liturgy of Kiev

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

**Assurance of forgiveness:**

L : For the Lord your God is God of gods,  
and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome,  
who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. (Deut. 10:17)

**All : We are Light in the World.**



WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

**81 WE ARE LIGHT FOR THE WORLD**

我们是世上的光 (Mandarin)

1=D ♩=c.96



1. 我们的光像城造在山上, 恳求  
2. 我们的灯点亮放灯台上, 恳求

1. Make us, dear Christ, the world's one true light, com-mu-ni-  
2. Like man-y lan-terns set on lamp stands, en-a-ble



主使教会发光芒, 照亮社会, 暴露诡诈、  
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vi-o-lence, of-fering jus-tice and peace and love.  
way of grace, when the dark-ness de-scends all round.

*Coda*

求主让我为你发光。

Help us, Je-sus, to share Your light.





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nor be entered in any of the months.

May that night be barren;

may no shout of joy be heard in it.

May those who curse days curse that day,

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May its morning stars become dark;

may it wait for daylight in vain and not see the first rays of dawn,

for it did not shut the doors of the womb on me

to hide trouble from my eyes.

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who are filled with gladness and rejoice when they reach the grave?

Why is life given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in?

For sighing comes to me instead of food; my groans pour out like water.

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*In silence*

*Kindle a Flame* (first cantoria, second congregation)

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**Prayer**

- L** : God of the Universe,  
God of Love,  
God of Mercy  
We pray that all the paths in Your Name  
are paths of love, peace and justice.  
Honor, glory and praise to You forever
- C** : **Lord, please hear our prayer. Amen.**

**Song: *Pray for the Peace of Humanity***

Cantoria: Pray for the peace of humanity  
Pray for the peace of humanity  
Pray for the peace of humanity  
Humanity shall live in peace

Shalom  
Salam  
Santi  
Sadhu  
San Cai  
Shalom



Humanity shall live in peace  
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**All : Pray for the peace of humanity;  
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**Commitment**

**L : Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing and create.**

**C : We go with the assurance of God's blessing.**

**L : Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.**

**C : We go with assurance of God's grace.**

**L : Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.**

**C : We go with the assurance of God's love. Thanks be to God.**

**Song: *Make me a Chanel of Your Peace***

Cantoria: Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

**All : Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy**

*Refrain*



Oh, master grant that I may never seek  
 So much to be consoled as to console  
 To be understood as to understand  
 To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
 It isn't pardoning that we are pardoned  
 In giving to all men that we receive  
 And in dying that we're born to eternal life  
*Refrain*

**Blessing**

**L** : May the blessing of God poured in us:  
 Your Wisdom enlighten us;  
 Your Light keep guiding our journey  
 now and forever.

**All** : Amen.

**Recession**

**4. Sizohamba naye**

Swaziland

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1:  
 Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo, wo, wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.  
 We will walk with God, my bro - thers we will walk with God.  
 Kommt, wir ge - hen mit Gott, he, ho, ho, kommt, wir ge - hen mit Gott.  
 주 님 따 라 가 세 형 제 여 주 님 따 라 가 세

System 2:  
 Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo, wo, wo, Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.  
 We will walk with God, my sis - ters we will walk with God.  
 Kommt, wir ge - hen mit Gott, he, ho, ho, kommt, wir ge - hen mit Gott.  
 주 님 따 라 가 세 자 매 여 주 님 따 라 가 세

System 3:  
 Ngom - hla wen - ja bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.  
 We will go re - joic - ing, till the king - dom has come.  
 Vol - ler Freu - de jauch - zend: Kommt, wir geh - hen mit Gott!  
 천 국 향 한 - 그 길 주 님 따 라 가 세

System 4:  
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## EVENING PRAYER

### 9 APRIL 2018

#### SEEKING THE LIGHT OF GOD

L : Why is the Light given to those who live in misery?  
 Why is the Light given to the bitter of soul?  
 Sisters and brothers!  
 We are in some and other ways live in the darkness.  
 Do you need a light ?

All : Yes, we need a light.

#### WE ARE THE LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

### 81 WE ARE LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

我们是世上的光 (Mandarin)

1=D J=c.96



1. 我们的光像城造在山上, 恳求  
 2. 我们的灯点亮放灯台上, 恳求

1. Make us, dear Christ, the world's one true light, com-mu-ni-  
 2. Like man-y lan-terns set on lamp stands, en-a-ble



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L : In the light of God, we adore and praise Him.

**All : Alleluia, Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

L : Truly, Your Word, O Lord is eternal. It stands firm in the heavens  
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.  
(Psalms 119: 89, 18:28)

**All : Thy Word is the Lamp unto My Feet**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,  
Think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me,  
And nothing will I fear,  
As long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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I will not forget,  
Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide,  
And hold me to Your side.  
I will love you to the end.

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**The Lord's Prayer:** *each in own language*

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## REFLECTION

*(Based on 2 themes: Prophetic witness to the Truth and Light: Biblical-Theological Perspective; Light and Truth in Pluralistic Asia. There will be six persons holding six different color of clothes and walking to altar. The cloths will be tied to the lamp. Then,*



while holding hands, they singing "WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT". Later, everybody is holding hands together and singing the song.)

♩ = 56

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will  
 3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will  
 4 All \_\_\_\_\_ praise to the Fa - ther, from \_\_\_\_\_ whom all things come; And all

5 Am D7/A Em D/E Em

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we  
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -  
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll  
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Son. And all

9 Am D7/A Em D/E Em

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll  
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll  
 guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save \_\_\_\_\_ each man's pride. And they'll  
 praise to the Spir - it, who \_\_\_\_\_ makes \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ one. And they'll

13 C Em Am

know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Em Am D7/A Em

know \_\_\_\_\_ we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER**

L : Almighty God, we thank for Your kindness to keep us along the day. We praise for Your love and power that make us who come from different denominations and countries, live together, accepting one another as one body in Christ. Help us to keep our commitment to be an inclusive Christian community and encourage us to actively involve in interfaith dialogues. May all these be done for the glory of God and peace of humankind. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**





# MORNING WORSHIP

## 10 APRIL 2018

### Gathering to Worship

While the participants are gathering in the AEYA hall, the choir members sing the songs inviting them to the morning worship...

## We Who Bear the Human Name

(♩ = 92)



1. We who bear the hu - man name are like flow - ers of the field;  
2. E - ven So - lo - mon of old, said our Lord, the man of peace;  
3. We are peo - ple of the field crowd - ing A - sia's ci - ty streets;



with - out sta - tus, with - out fame, tram - pled down and made to yield,  
with his glo - ry and his gold could not match the flow - ers' grace.  
we are peo - ple called to build a com - mun - i - ty of peace.



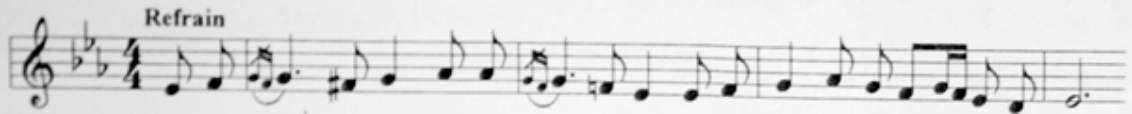
un - pro - tect - ed and ex - posed to the scorch - ing wind that blows.  
We are weak, but we re - call how the might - y ones must fall.  
We re - mem - ber as we toil hope is spring - ing from the soil.



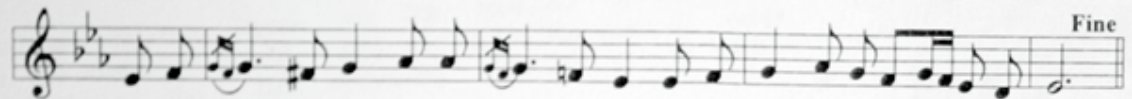
Let all the world now blos - som as a field!  
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Let all the world now blos - som as a field!

## Jesus, Savior Lord, Lo to You I Fly

(Thamilz: Yesu raajenin thiruvediku)



Ye - su raa - je - nin thi - ru - ve - di - ku, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam,  
Je - sus, Sav - ior Lord, lo to you I fly; Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.



aath - me naa - dhe - rin ma - le - re - di - ku, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam.  
You the Rock, my Re - fuge that's higher than I: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.



1. Paar pot - trum thuuye thuuye dhee - ve - nee - mei raa - jaa - vee yeng - gell - naa - dhe - nee  
2. I - llai paa - ru - dhei the - rum veen - dhe nee - yin nel thunbem niikum a - rull naa - dhe - ree  
1. In the midst of foes I cry to you, from the ends of earth wherever I may be,  
2. In your tent give me a dwell - ing place, and be - neath your wings may I find shelt'ring grace,  
3. O that I my vow to you may pay, and that by your faithfulness to me each day;



Ba - yem nii - kum thunnei yaavum aa - ni - ree, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam.  
ye - zlei yen - nei aatri thettri kaa pi - ree, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam.  
my strength in helplessness, O an - swer me: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.  
O lift on me the sunshine of your face: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.  
may live, and on your love my bur - dens lay: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.

(Choirs sing and dancers light the candles.)

### “Light”

In us it is dark, but with you there is light.

We are alone, but you never leave us. We are fainthearted, but with you there is peace.

In us there is bitterness, but with you there is forbearance.

We do not understand your ways, but you know the way for us.



*Laudate omnes gentes (All People Praise the Lord/ \* 2 Times)*

### Laudate omnes gentes

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E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ Cm G Cm B♭ E♭ A♭ B♭

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num.  
 Lob - singt, ihr Völ - ker al - le, lob - singt und preist den Herrn,  
 All peo - ples, praise the Lord! All peo - ples, praise the Lord!

E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭ Cm Fm B♭4 3 E♭

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### Psalm 43

Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;

**Deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.**

For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you?

**And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?**

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,

**And bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;**

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness;

**and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**

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## Lamentation

### Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Lord, our Lord, we feel forgotten.

This abuse rips apart our faith.

The victim, our sister is alone in despair.

How long must this persist?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

### Kum ba Yah

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kumba yah! (\* 3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah*

## Kum ba Yah

D G D

1. \*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba  
 2. Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba  
 3. Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba  
 4. Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba

A7 D G D G D A7 D

yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
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 yah! Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

**Voice:** Lisa is a 28 year old Indonesian Domestic Worker in Hong Kong. Since they are poor and her parents are hard up in raising their family, she had been forced to work at a very young age. She has two other siblings, the younger one she had to support to attend school. At the tender age of 16, she already started to work in a number of countries outside Indonesia, exposing her to various risks. She first worked for three months in Singapore but had to terminate her contract even when her employers were good to her because she was nearly raped by a co-employee. She next took a job in Saudi Arabia where she worked for more than 3 years. But since it was difficult for her to go home every time there were family emergencies, she decided to look for work in a country nearer home. This was the time she made the decision to work in Hong Kong where she has worked for more than five years now.

**Voice :** I am a young girl who was not known to the world when I was alive but was known to the world when I am no more. I am a 23 year old medical student and I was gang raped, assaulted by iron rods and I was thrown out of a bus. The passerby has not cared for my wounds, my naked body was not covered, the oozing blood was not wiped, I was not even treated like a human being. I struggled for life for 13 days and I breathed my last breath on December 29, 2012. Unlike the other rape victims I appeared in the newspapers, I was the talk of the town, my sisters and brothers stood in solidarity with me and protested for justice, but what justice can be done to a person who lives no more?

***Kum ba Yah***

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kumba yah! (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah*

**Voice:** I want to get a job. I graduated from university with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration. Since then, I applied for 20 jobs, yet no one had called me back.

**Voice:** There are nine of us in my family, and we live in a one-bedroom apartment. I share a bunk bed with my sister Judy. It's just so stuffed. We don't have enough space for seven kids. On the floor we have two mattresses side by side, where three of my other sisters sleep. You have to step toe to heel to get out of the room. My mom cleans other people's houses. When she gets home, she keeps on cleaning and takes care of my sisters and brother. I've seen articles posted on Facebook about how unlikely it is to get out of poverty, how poor people usually stay poor. If I don't get an education, I'll be stuck like my parents.

***Kum ba Yah***

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kumba yah! (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah*

**Voice:** I was supposed to be in school at the time I got married. I was 12 years old when I got married to a 35 year old man. They said that the man would take care of me, my siblings, and my mother, because my family was very poor.

**Voice:** The victim, surnamed Kim, 19-year-old maintenance worker, was an employee of a subcontracted maintenance company for Seoul Metro. He was hit by an arriving train while working on a malfunctioning door. Kim was working by himself, in violation of the safety manual, which requires a team of two to work on platform doors. His demise struck a chord



with the public after it was reported that cup-style instant ramen was discovered inside his bag, hinting how harsh his life was. Contract workers, working in a poor condition, are paid less than salaried workers, even doing the same jobs. Contract workers, also known as irregular workers, have a contract that is valid for a certain period of time. If the company does not renew the contract, the worker is dismissed.

**Voice:** I am leaving. I am tired of fighting. I am tired of struggling to survive. I have finally made a choice today. Yes, I give up. Have you ever felt lonely in a crowd, claustrophobic when alone? Now I hate everything around me. I do not understand human beings any more. They are too complex for my silly brain. I do not know what sounds I need to make for them to like me, love me, trust me. I am sad. I am tired. Helpless. Disillusioned. Paranoid.

**Kum ba Yah**

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kumba yah! (3 times) O Lord, kum ba yah*

**Voice:** Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. (*Habakkuk 1: 3-4*)

**God of Mercy and Compassion**



1. God of mer-cy and com - pas - sion, Look with  
 2. By my sins I have de - ser - ved Death and  
 3. By my sins I have a - ban - don'd Right and  
 4. See our Sav - ior, bleed - ing, dy - ing, On the



1. pl - ty\_ up - on me, Fa - ther, let me call Thee  
 2. end - less\_ mi - se - ry, Hell with all its pains and  
 3. claim to\_ heav'n a - bove. Where the saints re - joi - ce for -  
 4. cross of\_ Cal - va - ry; To that cross my sins have



1. Fa - ther, 'Tis Thy child re - turns to Thee.  
 2. tor - ments, And for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 3. ev - er In a bound - less\_ sea of love.  
 4. nail'd\_ Him, Yet He bleeds and\_ dies for me.

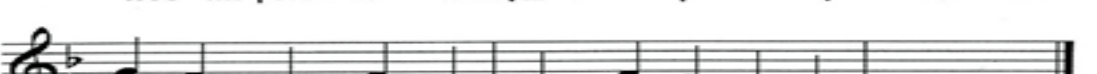
*Refrain*



Je - sus, Lord, I ask for mer - cy; Let me



not im - plore in vain;\_ All my sins, I now de -



test\_ them, Ne - ver will I\_ sin a - gain.



### Call to Confession

Lord, you have called us to be your people so that we may bear witness to your Light, but we have preferred to walk away from you and perpetuate social, economic, political, cultural and spiritual darkness.

Lord, forgive us our sins of preferring darkness to light.

Lord, in Jesus Christ, you have shown your love to us and desired that through us your love may enter where hatred, denial, depravation, disrespect and envy reign.

Lord, forgive us our sins for not sharing your love with others.

Lord, you have given us your inspired and active Word so that we may study, understand, and practice it diligently, helping make the struggles of the people meaningful and purposive.

Forgive our sins of misreading and misinterpreting your Word, avoiding to carry your Light to those in need.

Lord, you gave us your Son to announce your identification with and concern for the masses who are striving to regain their humanity, identity. Yet we have remained oblivious to your concerns.

Forgive us our sins of indifference and non-violent.

Gracious God, hear our prayers and forgive us our sins. Grant us a new determination, direction to carry your light to the dark and troubled spots of our society.

### Word of Assurance

Arise, and shine for your light has come.

*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. (Habakkuk 3: 17- 18)*

### Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

#### Here Our Prayer, O Lord

1.Hear our prayer, O Lord Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
 2.Guide us Thou, O Lord, Guide us Thou, O Lord,

In - cline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.  
 To be our lamp of life, And light for our path. A - men



## **Prayer**

Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
Though night still covers the earth and darkness covers the nations, over you will the Lord arise,  
over you will God's glory appear.

**Nations will stream to your light, and kings to your drawing brightness.**

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart will thrill and rejoice;  
**for the riches of the sea will flow to you.**

They will bring gold and frankincense, singing the praise of the Lord.

**They will come up, for acceptance, to my altar, to adorn the Temple of my glory.**

Your gates will always be open; day or night, they will never be shut.

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders;

**You will name your walls, Salvation, you will call your gates, Praise.**

No longer will the sun be your light by day, no longer the moon give you light by night;

**The Lord will be your eternal light, your God will be your glory.**

## ***Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***

### **Faith Confession ... All Together**

We believe in God, the Creator and Sustainer of all life. We trust in the God of the poor and the powerless, the weak and the worthless. We believe in God who hears the cries of the oppressed and takes side in favour of the marginalized. We believe in the God of justice, freedom, love and peace. We believe in Jesus Christ, who as a youth died on the cross to uphold the Kingdom values of justice, freedom, human rights and peace, who through his death and resurrection has become the voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless, and hope of the hopeless.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who encourages, empowers and enlightens us to take bold steps to fight the forces of death and darkness and invites us to work towards the kingdom of God on earth.

We believe in the Church universal that plays a prophetic role in denouncing power and principalities working against the God of life, and preaches and practices justice, equality and human rights.

We believe in the Kingdom of God, in the Newness of Life the precursors of New Heaven and New Earth.

**Amen.**



## Challenge to Youth

Young women and men, you hear the voice of the victims of violence and of misuse and abuse of power. You are the present and the future of church, society and nation. Pick up courage and commit yourself to fight the “culture of violence” and “culture of silence”. Become proactive youth members of the Kingdom of God.

## Prayer for the Youth

Dear God, how we thank and praise you for the young men and women who have trusted in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and we ask that You would work in the lives of all young people who have stepped out in faith in the Son of God.

Draw ever closer to those who have made a commitment to You and we pray that they would grow in grace and in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus in the days that lie ahead. May they learn to walk in spirit and truth and to trust in Your word, knowing that Your grace is sufficient for all their needs and requirements.

Keep them we pray from being influenced by the tempting things of the world and the desires of the sin nature and protect them from the wiles of the enemy who would seek to disrupt their walk with You and fellowship with the Father,

Give them grace and wisdom as they face the challenges of life, and keep them humble in heart and teachable in spirit and may they learn to look to Jesus day by day knowing that without Him they can do nothing but in His strength He will lead and guide in all things.

**Amen.**

**I Am the Dream**



The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 100. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with three vocal parts (1, 2, 3) indicated. Chords are written above the staff. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

**System 1:**  
 Chords: Am<sup>7</sup>, Fmaj<sup>7</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>  
 1 I am the dream and you the dream - er.  
 2 I am the bell and you the sil - ence.  
 3 You are the word and I the e - cho.

**System 2:**  
 Chords: C, Am<sup>7</sup>, Fmaj<sup>7</sup>, G  
 I am the song and you are the rhyme.  
 You are the yearn - ing and I can - not cur - tail.  
 You are the lead - er and I am the led.

**System 3:**  
 Chords: Am, Em<sup>7</sup>, F, C  
 You are the tune sung in ev - 'ry si - lence.  
 I am the blest and you the bles - sing.  
 You are the joy and I the laugh - ter.

**System 4:**  
 Chords: C, Am, G<sup>7</sup>sus<sup>4</sup>, G<sup>7</sup>, C  
 You are the now in the end - less stream of time.  
 You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.  
 You are the Rock on which I lay my head.



### Blessings

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be courageous to resist violence and fight the evil in the Church and society causing disharmony and dissension.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

*Shanti, Pyunghwa, Nyein Chan Ye, Remna, Santipab, Kapayapa-an, Damai .....!*

Peace, Peace, Peace!

**Amen.**

### Jesus, Savior Lord, Lo to You I Fly

#### Jesus, Savior Lord, Lo to You I Fly

(Thamilz: Yesu raajenin thiruvediku)

Refrain

Ye - su raa - je - nin thi - ru - ve - di - ku, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam,  
Je - sus, Sav - ior Lord, lo to you I fly; Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.

Fine

aath - me naa - dhe - rin ma - le - re - di - ku, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam.  
You the Rock, my Re - fuge that's higher than I: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.

1. Paar pot - trum thuuye thuuyedhee - ve - nee - mei raa - jaa - vee yeng - gell - naa - dhe - nee  
2. I - llai paa - ru - dhel the - rum veen - dhe nee - yinnel thunbem niikum a - rull naa - dhe - ree  
1. In the midst of foes I cry to you, from the ends of earth wherever I may be,  
2. In your tent give me a dwell - ing place, and be - neath your wings may I find shelt'ring grace,  
3. O that I my vow to you may pay, and that by your faithfulness to me each day;

Ba - yem nii - kum thunnei yaavum aa - ni - ree, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam.  
ye - zlei yen - nei aatri thettri kaa pi - ree, sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam sa - re - nnam.  
my strength in helplessness, O an - swer me: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.  
O lift on me the sunshine of your face: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.  
may live, and on your love my bur - dens lay: Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam, Sa - re - nnam.

# EVENING PRAYER

## 10 APRIL 2018

**Song: Still**  
*The Power of Your Love*

### Still

Reuben Morgan



**1.** Hide me now un - der Your wings.  
**2.** Rest my soul in Christ a - lone.

Co - ver me with - in Your migh - ty hand. When the o - ceans  
 Know His pow'r in qui - et - ness and trust.

rise and thun - ders roar, I will soar with You a - bove the storm.

Fa - ther, You are King o - ver the flood. I will be still

and know You are God. **2.** Find When the o - ceans

*Coda*  
 and know You are God.



# power of Your love

Geoff Bullock

Lord, I come to you - Let my heart be changed, renewed - Flowing from the  
 Lord unveil my eyes - Let me see You face to face - The knowledge of Your  
 grace That I found - in You And Lord I've come to know  
 love As You live - in me And Lord renew my mind  
 - The weaknesses I see in me - Will be stripped away -  
 - As Your will unfolds in my life - In living every day -  
 - By the power of Your love - - Hold me close - Let Your love sur  
 - By the power of Your love - -  
 round - - me Bring me near - draw me to Your - side -  
 - And as I wait - I'll rise up like the ea - - gle And I will soar with  
 You Your Spirit leads me on In the power of Your love - -

## Voice:

Youth, a divine treasure.

The most marvellous phase of the people... the youth.

One phase where the life is wonderful, intense, safe and trusting.

The youth are profound idealists, they love the truth, the sincerity, and freedom.

We, the young people, dream for a better world, a world of progress, peace, justice and love.

But, what is our reality in youth? In many countries, the youth are exploited in many forms;



human trafficking, discrimination, neglect of the right to education and medicine.  
 Many youth live in the streets, unemployed, addicted to drugs and abuse. They live without hope.  
 The politics, the imposters, the religions utilizes the force, the vigor, the work of the youth, and in return the youth receive lies, frustrations and vicious deaths.  
 Why do they insist on terminating the dreams of our youth?  
 Why can't they leave us live in peace?

**Lord, Have Mercy on Us (\* 2 Times)**

**LORD, Have Mercy on Us**  
*( Taiwanese: Chù ah kiû Lí lín-bín goán )*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Have Mercy on Us'. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and has a tempo marking of quarter note = 88. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. Below the first staff, the lyrics are written in both Chinese and English. The Chinese lyrics are 'Chù ah, Kiû Lí lín-bín goán, Ki-tok, Kiû Lí lín-bín goán, Chù ah, Kiû Lí lín-bín goán.' The English lyrics are '(LORD, have mer - cy on us, Christ, have mer - cy on us, LORD, have mer - cy on us.)'. The bottom staff of music is in bass clef and appears to be a simple accompaniment line.

**Voice:** Let us honor our Youth  
 Let us honor the youth of our seeds,  
 Let us honor the fruits of our youth;  
 Let us honor our youth through spotlighting their presence, spotlighting their participation, spotlighting their achievements;  
 Let us honor our youth through song, Worship, praise, award, ceremony, and love;  
 Let us honor ourselves through Honoring our young;  
 Let us nourish the youth of our seeds;  
 Let us nourish their tiny blossoms and Ripening fruits to sound maturity, That we may see them shine for us and themselves.

**Lord, Have Mercy on Us (\* 2 Times)**

**Psalm 116**

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.  
**Because you listened to me, I will call on you as long as I live.**  
 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.  
**Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**  
 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.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

**I will lift 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.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

### Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key  
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,  
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

*Refrain*  
 that shall un-clasp and set me free.  
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I  
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my heart,



## Thanksgiving Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all your mercies, goodness and compassion; for making us aware and sensitive to various forms of oppressions in this age of anxiety, age of revolt and age of discontent. Through your bountiful benevolence of wisdom and strength, you have shown us the way to accomplish extraordinary things, setting into operation new forces and the release of new powers. We thank you for providing us with solutions to difficult life situations by bringing the blurred vision of life into focus, and for the renewal of life to establish a just society which will be a significant part of the new divine order, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (3<sup>rd</sup> stanza)

### Joel 2: 28 - 29

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

### **Voice: Whatever happens to me, I will try to do what is right**

Whatever happens to me, I will try to do what is right;

I will love the flowers and the sea, the birds and land animals,  
and all that is sacred in life and beauty;

Whatever happens to me, I will try to avoid bitterness,  
anger, self-hatred, and destructiveness—

feelings that alter the possibilities for good, and

actions that upset the natural order of things;

but, I will not allow others and things to violate my human rights,

to infringe upon my self-respect, to unjustly suppress my freedom and growth,

to decimate the integrity of my organic self;

whatever happens to me, I will seek what is naturally right and good,

### **Affirmation of Discipleship**

We are called to proclaim the truth. Let us together this day proclaim the truth about human worth and dignity. And let us believe: it is not true that this world and its people are doomed to die and to be lost.

**This is true: there is future for the children of today.**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

**This is true: the Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces and will remove disgrace of people from all the earth.**

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

**This is true: the Lord foils the plans of the nations and thwarts the purposes of the people, but the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of the heart of the Lord through all**



generations.

So let us dream, let us prophesy, let us see visions of love. And let us seek peace and justice with humility, with joy and faith, with courage.

**Prayer**

O God, we pray and beseech you  
to guide and protect young people present here in your presence.  
Be with them, as they experience both sickness and health, sorrow and joy,  
loneliness and friendship, success and failure.  
Gracious God,  
give to them the courage and strength to make the right decisions  
as they journey through life.  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may they come to know and experience your loving care.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Voice: Your gifts as Youths**

**Share** of yourself with a special Other,  
**Create** new life from love with Another,  
**Care** for and nourish the Young,  
**Develop** your common and special Talents fully, and  
**Share** your talents with the World.

**The Power of Your Love**

power of Your love

Geoff Bullock

Lord, I come to you - Let my heart be changed, renewed - Flowing from the  
 Lord unveil my eyes - Let me see Your face to face - The knowledge of Your  
 grace That I found - in You And Lord I've come to know  
 love As You live - in me And Lord renew my mind  
 - The weaknesses I see In me - Will be stripped away -  
 As Your will unfolds in my life - In living every day -  
 - By the power of Your love - - Hold me close - Let Your love sur  
 - By the power of Your love - -  
 round - - me Bring me near - draw me to Your - side -  
 - And as I wait - I'll rise up like the ea - - gle And I will soar with  
 You Your Spirit leads me on In the power of Your love - -



## The Peace

Redeemer Christ, we are one body in you. We cherish our unity in this diversity. We look to you for guidance, we listen for your word, we hope for tomorrow. We feel welcomed in and through Christ.

Let us now, in this new moment, come together and share the peace which Jesus made possible: the peace of Christ. Peace be with you

**And also with you.**

(Greet one another, sharing greetings of peace.)

## Jesus Our Lord Has Come



1. Je-sus our Lord has come to His King-dom, Who are there Who are there  
 2. Je-sus our Lord lift up His right arm, Who are there Who are there



hid - ing a - afraid. We are all danc - ing with - joy - full ness,  
 tremb - ling a - afraid. Moun - tains and trees, you all sing to - ge - ther,



Je - sus is Lord our King. Ha - lle - lu - jah. Ha - lle - lu - jah.  
 Je - sus is Lord our King.



Ul - ssi - gu - na Joh Ta Chi - wha Ja - ha - Jon - nae Je - sus is Lord our King.



# MORNING WORSHIP 11 APRIL 2018

Choir Performance (to invite the people)

Procession of the preacher, liturgist and dancer

Come all you people (Uvai Mose)

Tune & words: Alexander Gondo  
Arrangement: JLB

(cantor) **energetically**

(women)  
U - ya - i mo - se, — tin - a - ma - te Mwa - ri, —  
Come all you peo - ple, — come and praise your Ma - ker, —

(men)  
U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker,

Ahom Ahom

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker,

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker,

Ahom Ahom

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker,

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker,

Ahom Ahom

[except last time]

U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,  
Come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Ma - ker,

U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.  
Come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Ahom Ahom Ahom



### Gather to Worship

L : In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said, 'Let there be light'

C : **And there was light** (*a lighted candle is placed on a central table*)

L : In the beginning, when it was very quiet, the Word was with God

C : **And what God was, the word was** (*an open Bible is placed on the table*)

L : When the time was right God sent the Son.

C : **He came among us, he was one of us** (*a cross is placed on the table*)

#### *In silence*

V1 : In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his friends. He is the light of life.

C : **He is the Hope for the World**

V2 : In him there I neither Jew nor Gentile, neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant,

C : **All are one in Jesus Christ**

V1,2: He is the light of life

C : **He is the hope of the world**

V3 : In him there is neither black nor white, neither north nor south

C : **All are one in Jesus Christ**

V1,2,3 : He is the Light of life:

C : **He is the Hope of the World**

V4 : In him there is neither male nor female, neither master nor servant

C : **All are one in Jesus Christ**

V1234 : He is the Light of life:

C : **He is the hope for the world**

V5 : In him there is neither rich nor poor, neither middle class nor working class

C : **All are one in Jesus Christ**

V12345: He is the light of life:

C : **He is the hope for the world** (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

### Send Out Your Light

Words: Ps 43.3

*quietly but firmly*

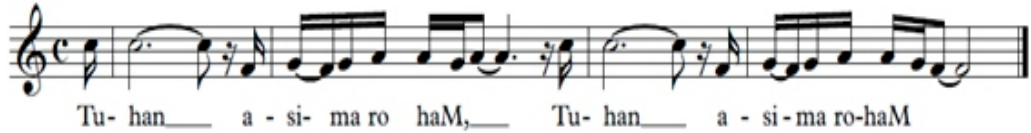
Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.

Then let them lead me to the place where you re - side.

**Inviting people to see the reality:**

**“the faces of people in need” (*theatrical; dancers and banner*).**

Kyrie: Tuhan Asima Roham (*led by liturist*)



**Confession of Sins** (*leader read and stand near the person*)

Jesus, friend of sinners, your words to your disciples were plain:

Whatever we did for the least of our brothers and sisters, we did for you.

But have we fed the hungry?

Have we invited in the stranger?

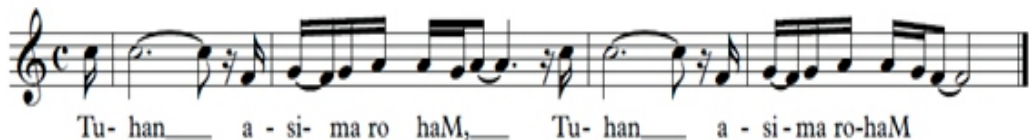
Have we clothed those whose garments were thread-bare?

Have we looked after the sick?

Have we visited in incarcerated?

In your mercy, Lord please forgive us.

**Amen.**





## Until all are fed

Tommy Brown and Bryan McFarland

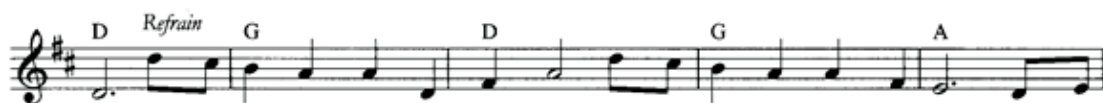
Bryan McFarland: USA



How long will we sing? How long will we pray? How long will we write and  
 Nous al - lons chan - ter, et nous al - lons pri - er. Nous al - lons com - mu - ni -  
 ¿Cuán - to más can - tar?, ¿cuán - to más o - rar?, ¿cuán - to más re - dac  
 Sin - gen wol - len wir, und be - ten wol - len wir und schrei - ben und von dir



send? How long will we bring? How long will we stay? How long will we make a -  
 quer. A nous d'ap - por - ter, à nous de par - ta - ger, a - vec as - sez de bon  
 tar? ¿Cuán - to más lle - var?, ¿cuán - to más e - star?, ¿par qué tan - to en - men  
 re - den? Blei - ben wol - len wir und Gü - te zei - gen wir, und le - ben für dei - ne



mends? Un - til all are fed! we cry out; un - til all on earth have bread. Like the  
 té. A - fin que tous soient ras - sa - siés, et que cha - cun ait du pain. Com - me  
 dar? Has - ta a - li - men - tar a to - dos, has - ta que al - cance el pan. Co - mo A  
 Welt. Und wir wer - den so - lang auf - stehn, bis das Brot für al - le reicht. So - lang



One who loves us each and ev - ery one we serve un - til all are fed.  
 Jé - sus qui ai - me tous les hu - mains, nous de - vons tous les nour - rir.  
 quel que a - mó a to - dos por i - gual, com - par - ti - re - mos el pan.  
 tre - ten wir für al - le Men - schen ein wie der, der uns al - le liebt.

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### Bible Reading: Psalm 43:1-5

Vindicate me, my God,  
 and plead my cause  
 against an unfaithful nation.  
 Rescue me from those who are  
 deceitful and wicked.  
 You are God my stronghold.  
 Why have you rejected me?  
 Why must I go about mourning,  
 oppressed by the enemy?  
 Send me your light and your faithful care,  
 let them lead me;  
 let them bring me to your holy mountain,



to the place where you dwell.  
 Then I will go to the altar of God,  
 to God, my joy and my delight.  
 I will praise you with the lyre,  
 O God, my God.  
 Why, my soul, are you downcast?  
 Why so disturbed within me?  
 Put your hope in God,  
 for I will yet praise him,  
 my Savior and my God.

Unsu Kang, Korea

The musical score is written in 8/8 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,". The middle staff is labeled "Korean drum" and "Semachi" and contains rhythmic notation with slashes indicating drum patterns. The bottom staff is a second vocal line with lyrics: "Hal-le hal-le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal-le hal-le - lu - jah,". A small number "7" is placed above the first measure of the bottom staff.

*In Silence*

**Prayer of the people**

- L1 : God of justice and mercy,  
 Your grace and truth shine forth through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
 In a world clouded by injustice, violence and revenge,  
 We pray for the strong work of your Holy Spirit
- L2 : May your Spirit bring healing, justice, encouragement, redemption, and hope to all prisoners:  
 those waiting for trial, religious intolerance and politicization of religion  
 those who are discouraged, trafficking victim and people in need  
 those facing long imprisonment, sickness, virus, HIV and AIDS  
 those struggling with temptation, artificial intelligence and future technology  
 those suffering injustice, gender and cultural values  
 Those recently released and trying to readjust to normal life,  
 Those who have given up hope,  
 Those struggling to know the difference between right and wrong.
- C : O Lord, please hear our prayer.**
- L : Let us continue to pray The Lord's Prayer by Choir Singing and liturgical gesture.



WE MEET GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

5 = B $\flat$   $\text{♩} = c.77$  Sincerely

5 | 3 3 - 2 3 | 2 1 - - | 6 1 2 3 2. 1 |

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal - loved be thy

3 - - 3 | 5 7 6 3 | 2 1 2 3. 5 | 6 1 6 5 6 1 | 1 - - - |

name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.

1 1 1 6 5 5 | 6 1 2 3 0 1 | 2 2 1 2. 1 | 6 1 2 3 |

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our debts as we for-give our

2 2 - 3 | 6. 3 3. 3 2 1 | 7 6 5 - 5 5 | 6. 7 1 6 |

deb - tors; and lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from



7. 1 2 5 5 | 5 - - 3. 5 | 6 3 - 3. 6 | 6 4 - 5. 6 |  
 e - vil. For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the

7. 6 5 5 | i - 7 6 | 5 - 1 2 | 3 - 1 6 | 1 - - - 1 - 0 - ||  
 glo - ry for - ev - er - more. A - men. A - men.

**Response of the People**

Each will be given a paper (palm shape). Everyone is invited to write commitment to show their solidarity and concern to the people in need. The paper will be stuck on the broken banner.

**Beauty for Brokenness: by Choir**  
*Part of refrain will be sung by congregations.*





**Intro.** A2 **Verse** A E/C# A7/G

1. Beau-ty for bro-ken-ness, hope for des-

pair, Lord, in Your suf-f'ringworld, this is our pray-er. Bread for the

F#m D Bm7 A A C#m7 D... Bm7 E

chil- dren, jus-tice, joy, peace, sun-rise to sun- set Your king-dom in-

crease. **To repeat verse** A D/A A D/A **To continue** A E7 **Chorus**

speak. God of the poor,

A C#7 F#m D Bm7 E

friend of the weak, give us com-pas - sion we pray,



The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come change our love from a spark to a flame." The chords indicated above the notes are: E7/G# (first system), A, C#7, F#m, D (first system); Bm7, D/E, A2 (second system); and a "Trill" over A2, F#m, E, A (third system).

*Commitment: Dancers will patch the broken banner as a symbol of oneness commitment to stand for the people in need.*

**Depart with Blessings**

L : AEYA's participants,  
 You are disciple of Jesus Christ.  
 Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.  
 Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;  
 Give thanks in all circumstances;  
 For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
 For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
 The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and your mind in  
 Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

***Thumamina (send me Lord)***

## 37. THUMA MINA (SOUTH AFRICA)

South Africa



Thu - ma mi - na.  
Send me Lord.  
Sen - de du mich!  
Prends-moi Sei gneur.

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
Send me Je - sus. Send me Je - sus. Send me  
Send' mich, Je - sus, Send' mich, Je - sus, Send' mich,  
Prends moi Jé - sus. Prends - moi Jé - sus. Prends moi



Thu - ma mi - na.  
Send me Lord.  
Sen - de du mich!  
Prends - moi Sei - gneur.

mi - na So - man - dla. Thu - ma  
Je - sus, Send me Lord. Send me  
Je - sus, Sen - de mich. Send' mich,  
Jé - sus, oui prends - moi. Prends - moi

Seng'ya vuma...  
Seng'ya vuma Somandla

Lead me...Fill me...Use me...  
I will go, in your name, Lord I will go.

Führe mich, . . . führ mich, Herr. Fülle mich  
Gern will ich gehn. . . in deinem Namen, Herr.

Guide-moi Seigneur... Guide-moi Jésus. . .  
oui guide-moi. Change-moi...



## CLOSING WORSHIP

11 APRIL 2018

### PROCESSION

*Preacher, Liturgist, Ministers of Holy Communion bringing the symbol and the elements of worship.*

### GATHERING

L : As we gather before you God,

All : **Send us Your Light and Truth: let them lead us;**

**Let them bring us to Your holy hill, and to Your tabernacles.**

**With our exceeding joy we praise You, O God my God. (Psalm 43: 3, 4).**

**Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING

Sing : *For the Beauty of the Earth (John Rutter)*

Cantoria: For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies

Over and around us lies

Lord of all, to Thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

Women: For the beauty of the hour

Men: Of the day and of the night

Women: Hill and vale and tree and flower

Men: Sun and moon and stars of light

Women: Sun and moon and stars of light

All: **Lord of all, to Thee we raise**

**This our joyful hymn of praise**

**For the joy of human love**

**Brother, sister, parent, child**

**Friends on earth and friends above**

**For all gentle thoughts and mild**

**For all gentle thoughts and mild**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise**

**This our joyful hymn of praise**



## **DEFORMING THE BEAUTY - Confession of Sins**

- L Eternal God, you are the Creator of universe.  
You have created everything: the heaven and the earth,  
the day and the night, sun to guide the day,  
and in the darkness of the night the moon and stars guiding from above;  
you have created all creatures on earth and in the deep of the sea.  
You have created human being,  
male and female, in your own image.  
All were good and beautifully crafted.  
However, since the primordial, we've sin against You,  
as we misused our place in the order of creation.  
Our sins have jeopardized the earth  
and the dignity of human being.  
We confess that no matter fragile our existence in this tiny planet,  
we keep doing injustice in many aspect of our lives.

**All : Merciful God, forgive our sins, and renew us.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

- L : God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.  
If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,  
we lie and do not live by the truth.  
But if we walk in the light,  
as he is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.  
If we claim to be without sin,  
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins and  
purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:5-9)

## Christ, Be Our Light

Verses 1st time sung by cantor (soprano)  
2nd time sung with 2 voices (alto)  
Last time sung with choir unison (or 2 voices)

Bernadette Farrell

♩ = 132

Em Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>(6US4)</sup> Em Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>(6US4)</sup>



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth we turn to you.  
2 Long-ing for peace our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, ma-ny des-pair.  
3 Long-ing for food, ma-ny are hun-gy. Long-ing for wa-ter, ma-ny still thirst.  
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, ma-ny are home-less. Long-ing for warmth, ma-ny are cold.  
5 Ma-ny the gifts, ma-ny the peo-ple, ma-ny the hearts that yearn to be-long.

9 Em Am<sup>7</sup> D G C Am D<sup>(6US4)</sup> D



S. Make us your own your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
Your Word a-lone has pow'r to save us. Make us your li-ving voice.  
Make us your bread bro-ken for o-thers, shared un-til all are fed.  
Make us your bual-ding shel-ter for o-thers, walls made of li-ving stone.  
Let us be ser-vents to one a-no-ther, ma-king your king-dom come.

Refrain 1st time sung in choir unison  
2nd time in 4 voices harmony  
Last time sung with descent

RE FRAIN

17 Descent



S. Christ, be our light! Shine out through the dark shine!  
B. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness

G C G Em Bm Em Am<sup>7</sup> D

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S. Chri-st be our light! Shine in your church ga-thered to-day  
B. Chri-st be our light! Shine in your church ga-thered to-day

G D<sup>(6US4)</sup> D Em Em<sup>7</sup>/D C Am<sup>7</sup> D G



## ILLUMINATED BY GOD'S WORD

### Bible reading

L: Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou shouldest bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou shouldest cover him; and that thou shouldest not hide thyself from thy own flesh?

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rear guard.

Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou shalt take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

And if thou shalt draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. (Isaiah 58:6-12)

### *In Silence*

### Responsory Psalm:

Women: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Men : I love Your commands more than gold, more than pure gold;

Women: I consider all Your precepts right, I hate every wrong path;

Men : Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.

Women: The unfolding of Your Words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Men : I open my mouth and pant, longing for Your commands.

Women: Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.

**All : Direct my footsteps according to Your Word; let no sin rule over me.**

(Psalm 119: 105. 127-133)

## 12. HALLE, HALLELUJAH (SYRIA)

Traditional

$\text{♩} = 108$

As taught by Metropolitan  
Mar Gregorius Iohanna Ibrahim, Syria





**Sermon by Rev. Angie O. Wuisang**

**Anthem by UNIMA's Choir**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

L: Feast is common in all cultures.  
It is part of celebrating many occasions:  
from embracing the new born to remembrance of the dead;  
from the beginning of cultivation to the harvest.  
It serves different purposes: thanks giving, remembrance,  
or sign of joy and happiness;  
it strengthens the bond,  
it casts away the fear,  
it raises hope of those who partake in.

When celebrating Passover in remembrance of God's deliverance from bondage,  
Jesus shared with his disciples bread and wine.  
It is a very memorable event since it was the last supper  
before He was arrested and died on the cross.

Today we are partaking in Holy Communion:  
to affirm that we are united with Jesus Christ;  
to commit ourselves to follow Jesus' steps;  
to strengthen our solidarity across the difference;  
to proclaim the Kingdom of God through our deeds.

**All: May our affirmation, commitment, solidarity and proclamation will be fulfilled  
according to Your way. Amen.**

**Song**



THE HOLY COMMUNION

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# WHAT A GREAT MYSTERY

(Pilipino: *Kay Laking Hiwaga*)

(♩ = 94)

Guitar

1. <i>Hin-di ko ma-i-sip,</i>	<i>kay</i>	<i>la-king hi-wa-ga</i>
2. <i>Ang a-bang ling-kod mo'y</i>	<i>di</i>	<i>ka-ra-pat-da-pat</i>
1. Far beyond our mind's grasp	and	our tongue's de-clar-ing,
2. None of us is worth-y	to	re-ceive your es-sence,
3. So our hearts are lift-ed	to	the realm a-bove us,

<i>Kay la-king pag-li-ngap,</i>	<i>pag</i>	<i>pa-pa ka-sa-kit,</i>
<i>Sa-yo'y ma-ki-sa-lo,</i>	<i>ma</i>	<i>ki-pag-ha-pu-nan,</i>
you are here in mys-tery,	qui	et-ly and without fail:
in this meal to-geth-er,	yet,	the gift is yours by choice,
nour-ished and u-ni-ted	by	the pre-cious bread and wine.

<i>Sa-la-na-ming ta-o</i>	<i>nang</i>	<i>i-yong a-ku-in</i>
<i>Di na nag-na-na-is</i>	<i>ng</i>	<i>ma-ra-ming ba-gay</i>
lift-ed once on Cal-vary,	sin	and weak-ness bear-ing,
death can nev-er snatch us	from	your ho-ly pres-ence,
Here what sweet con-tent-ment	know	- ing that you love us!



*Wa-lang hang - ga-nan, Diyos, ang 'yong pag - i - big.*  
*Sa-pat na ma-da-ma'ng i - ka'y ka - pi - ling.*  
 O God, how won-der-ful! You call us through the veil.  
 your prom-ise is for life; we on - ly can re - joice.  
 we thank you for this feast, this fel - low-ship div - ine.

3. *Nang aking malasap alak at tinapay*  
*Aking kagalakan ay walang mapagsidlan*  
*Di kinakailangang akin pang wariin*  
*Kung bakit ang ligaya ko'y walang patid.*

4. *Sana'y sa paglisan, sa iyong tahanan*  
*Aming mga puso ay iyong lukuban*  
*Na maging dambana ng iyong kabutihan*  
*Maging huwaran ng pagmamahalan.*

4. Soon You'll bid us scatter, share what we inherit  
 from this home of blessing where we taste your peace and grace.  
 May our lives be altars glowing with your Spirit  
 to light the lamps of those who also seek your face.

Words: Francisco F. Feliciano, Philippines

Music: CATUROG NA NONOY; Bicol folksong; arr. Francisco F. Feliciano

I Corinthians 1:9



### Sharing feast

L: Paul recalled, "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-25)

*(While ministers of the Holy Communion distributing the sweetened mashed cassava and ginger tea, cantoria singing "For Everyone Born". The partakers are also invited to share food [candies, cookies] brought from their countries. Congregation join the singing after having the meal)*

### For Everyone Born

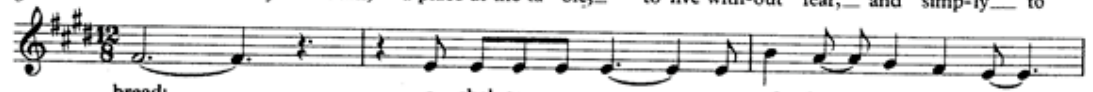
## FOR EVERYONE BORN

Shirley Erena Murray

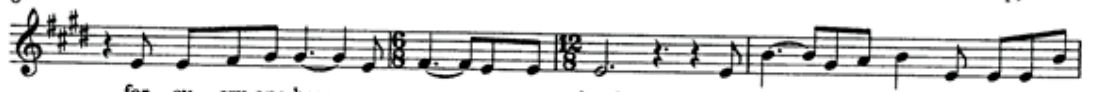
Brian Mann, USA



1. For ev - ery-one born a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery-one born, clean wa - ter and  
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the  
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for  
 5. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, to live with - out fear, and simp - ly to



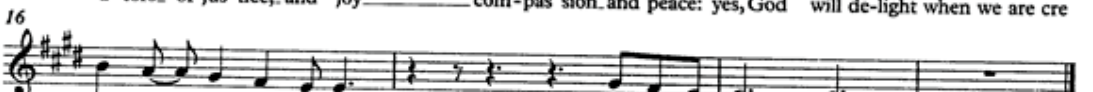
bread; a shel - ter, a space a safe place for grow - ing  
 share; with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled  
 give, in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 be, to work, to speak out to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery-one born a star o - ver - head. And God will de - light when we are cre  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 for young and for old, a right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just a new way to live.  
 for ev - ery-one born, the right to be free.



a tors. of jus tice, and joy com - pas sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre



a - tors. of jus - tice, just - tice and joy.



L: When you give a dinner or a supper,  
call not your friends, nor your brothers,  
neither your family, nor your rich neighbours;  
lest they also bid you again, and a recompence be made thee.  
But when you give a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:  
And you shall be blessed; for they cannot recompense you: for you shall be  
recompensed at the resurrection of the just.  
And when one of them that sat eating with him heard these things, he said to him,  
“Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God.” (Lk. 14:12-115)

**All: Blessed are us who share the bread in the Kingdom of God.**

### *Prayer*

### **COMMITMENT**

L: Whom shall I send?

**All: Here am I. Send me!**

L: These five days we have learnt together and seen more clearly the problems of the community we belong. We discerned that in many ways, we share the same problems. We realize more than ever that we are called to be agents of changes, to transform our community, our church, our nation, our world. Our very future lies in our own hands. The future generation of humanity and the earth will either thankful or displeased for what our generation are doing.

This morning we wrote down our commitment to the palms put on the wall. When we go home, let us proclaim our commitment by working hand in hand with those who share the same commitment as agents of changes. Hence, illuminated by God's light, let us walk our way in truth. Let us cast away the darkness by always be the light wherever we go and whatever we do.

*(everyone lighting a candle and bringing it in front of the banner of palms)*

### ***Go Light Your World***

*Solo:* There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes His home



Cantoria: So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
 Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
 And hold out your candle for all to see it  
 Take your candle, and go light your world  
 Take your candle, and go light your world

Solo: Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
 Light his own candle some other way  
 See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
 Still holds a candle without a flame

Cantoria: So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
 Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn  
 And hold out your candle for all to see it  
 Take your candle, and go light your world  
 Take your candle, and go light your world

Solo 'cause we are a family whose heart are blazing  
 So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
 Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus  
 Make us a beacon in darkness times

All:

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
 Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor  
 Hold out your candle for all to see it  
 Take your candle, and go light your world  
 Take your candle, and go light your world**

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
 Seek out the helpless, confused and torn  
 And hold out your candle for all to see it  
 Take your candle, and go light your world  
 Take your candle, and go light your world**

♩ REFRAIN

1. home. So, car - ry your... can - dle, run to the dark - ness, seek out the

Ab Db6/Eb Ab Ab2/C Db2



{ 1. hope-less, con-fused and\_ torn. }  
 { 2. lone - ly, the tired and\_ worn. } Hold out your\_ can - dle for all\_ to see it.

A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$  D $\flat$ 2/F E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  A $\flat$ 2/C D $\flat$ 2

1  
 Take your can-dle and go light your\_ world. Take your can-dle and go light your\_

A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7sus4 E $\flat$ 7 C7/E Fm D $\flat$ 2 1 A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  D $\flat$ 6/E $\flat$

to Verse 2 2 to Verse 3  
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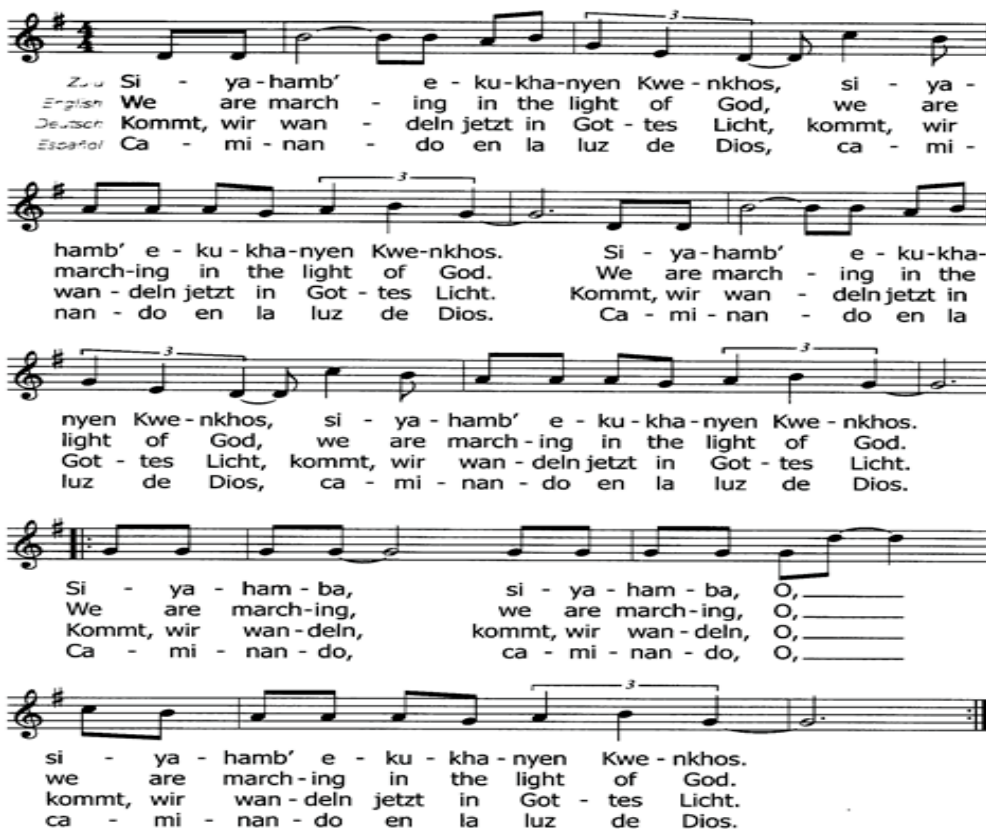
**BENEDICTION**

L: Let us go forth from here, blessed and renewed,  
 in the Spirit of Shalom,  
 the Spirit of Integrity,  
 the Spirit of Illumination,  
 the Spirit of Transformation,  
 with hopes lifted heavenward,  
 with hearts loving the earth,  
 in the name of our creating,  
 liberating,  
 nurturing God' [Miriam T. Winter]

Song by Unima's Choir  
 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

**We are Marching in the Light (With Dancers)**

**Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light of God**



Zulu Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos, si - ya -  
 English We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
 Deutsch Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht, kommt, wir  
 Español Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the  
 wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht. Kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in  
 nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi - nan - do en la

nyen Kwe - nkhos, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos.  
 light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 Got - tes Licht, kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht.  
 luz de Dios, ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios.

Si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, O, \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march - ing, we are march - ing, O, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kommt, wir wan - deln, kommt, wir wan - deln, O, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ca - mi - nan - do, ca - mi - nan - do, O, \_\_\_\_\_

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen Kwe - nkhos.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 kommt, wir wan - deln jetzt in Got - tes Licht.  
 ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios.

# **Section II**

# **Bible Studies**





## Bible Study 1.

# Criticizing the Light God Gives *Job 3*

By Rev. Dr. Aris Margianto,  
Gereja Isa Almasih

The theme of AEYA (Asian Ecumenical Youth Assembly) “Lord, Send Your Light and Truth to Lead Us” (Psalm 43:3) is very interesting. The Psalmist wishes and awaits for the light of God. However, I would like to propose a text, that essentially calls into question why God gives the light to human beings. The text is a part of the words that came out of Job's mouth in Job chapter 3.

We all know Job; a good man who was blameless, upright, and he feared God. Nevertheless, he suffered a lot. He was robbed, stricken by natural disasters, suffered from nasty diseases, and forsaken by the people around him. At first, Job tried to accept his condition, but the pain he felt was unbearable afterwards. After being silent for seven days and nights, Job finally opened his mouth and spoke as in Job 3. His words here seem to be in the contrary to his words in Job 1:21 and 2:10, wherein he showed a positive attitude towards his sufferings.

Job chapter 3 can be divided into two parts. The first part, verse 1 to 10, contains Job's curse; meanwhile the second part, verse 11 to 26, contains Job's mourning and weep. The first part focuses on Job's regret over the days of his birth; meanwhile, the second part focuses on Job's implicit desire to die. The mourning came out of Job's mouth in Job 3:20: “Why is light given to those in misery ...?” Amidst the circumstances of his suffering, Job accused the “light” God gave to human. Obviously, this contrasts to the Psalmist's wish for the light of God, as our theme in Psalm 43:3.

It is, indeed, interesting when we compare the Psalm to the book of Job since there is no other book in the Old Testament which counters the views of the writings in the Psalm, except the book of Job. The parts of the text in the Psalm and the Book of Job which show the contrast are: 1) Job 6,8-10 and Ps 55,6-8; 2) Job 7,7f. and Ps 8,4; 7,17-18; 3) Job 9,5-10 and Ps 104; 4) Job 10,2-12 and Ps 139; 5) Job 12,7-12 and Ps 98; 6) Job 12,13-25 and Ps 107; 7) Job 13,20-22 and Ps 27,4; 8) Job 14,1-12 and Ps 8; 9) Job 16,7-14 and Ps 94,18-19; 10) Job 19,22 and Ps 10,5-6; 73,3-9; 11) Job 23,8-9 and Ps 23; 139; 12) Job 31 and Ps 46,1. (See K.J. DELL, *The Book*, p. 125-133).

Why did Job criticize or accuse the light that God gave? Job was a very miserable man. He cursed the day of his birth. For him, it would be better if that day never existed. Perished from the days in the calendar. When Job accused the light that God gave, it reminds us to the creation of this world. On the first day, God created light. Once the light was created, then, not only the world, completely with everything that was in it including humans was created, but also the days were created: the second day, the third day, and so forth, until the seventh day. The seven days of

creation then continuously recur in the days of man. If the light never existed, the following days of creation, as well as the days of man, including the birth day of Job, would never exist. If the birth day of Job never existed, the suffering of Job would never happen.

The world God created in the beginning was all good. Likewise, the human life in the garden of Eden was full of peace and happiness. But now, for Job, a man living in suffering, the world and human life turned into chaos and full of suffering. If there was no light, if the creation of this universe could be repeated from the beginning, if there was a “reset button” in life – like in our smartphone/notebook – which were able to restore the days of difficulties, problems and suffering, back to the first day of creation wherein everything was all good and back to the peaceful and happy days in the garden of Eden, the life of Job would be great back then.

However, that's not possible! There is no time-machine which is able to restore human to the first day of their creation, nor the days that have passed by. It is impossible for a human being to come back to the time before he was born, back to the starting point, to the start line. Then, how?

Because there was no “reset button”, so Job thought about an “off button”, something to end his life. In the second part of Job chapter 3, Job implicitly wished for his death. For him, the grave and the world of the dead (in hebr. = *sheol*), which is full of darkness, are better places than the earthly world given the light of God. In the world of the dead, everything was so calm and peaceful. Everyone fell asleep and there was no trouble caused by the wicked. For Job, the grave and the world of the dead (*sheol*) were the last refuge of all the sufferings and tribulations in his life on the earth.

It seems so wonderful to imagine the death; however, it is also impossible! As a man who was blameless, upright, and feared God, Job should have known that human beings have no rights to take both the life of his neighbors and his own life. The breath of life comes from God, and only God has the rights to decide whom God will give, and to whom God will take it.

At this point, I would like to ask you to imagine a little bit. Imagine if you were born as Jews who experienced Holocaust, or as residents of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which were completely bombed out, or as Rakhine ethnics who were persecuted and expelled from their residence, or as East Ghouta residents who are currently experiencing a violent attack, the civil war of Syria, or as the Acehnese people, the western part of Indonesia, hit by the tsunami waves, or was born for a parent infected with HIV/AIDS, making you have to live with the virus for the rest of your life. When we imagine these things, we realize that they are just a small dust in a whole portrait of human sufferings on the earth. It is right, isn't it?

If there are lots of sufferings in the world, would it be better if God never created this world? Or would it be better if God immediately put an end to the human history on earth, instead of seeing more people become victims, and have to live in severe sufferings?

Job was a man who was blameless, upright, and feared God. He should know that it is impossible if the history of human beings, including the history of his life, which had already been underway, to be reset to the beginning before the creation. If we consider Job's last words in chapter 42, we can understand that Job's mindset about God has changed. Therefore, we can also understand that it is not the days of creation and the days of the human being which are to be reset to improve the state of creation and human life, but instead, it is the human mindset, your mindset and my mindset which are needed to be reset.

If we want our lives on earth to be better, we should reset our mindset. Since human fell into sin, human mindset is a mindset of sin. The “reset button” for our mindset is on the cross of Christ. Psalmist wishes for the light and truth. Christ comes as the light of the world and He is the way, and the truth, and the life.

As a man who was blameless, upright, and feared God, Job should know it as well. Human has no rights to end his own life, nor the life of his neighbors. Life must go on, with the reality of suffering, which will also continue. Human is in between the starting point and the end point, between the day of birth and the day of death, where suffering becomes an unavoidable reality between those two points.

The Book of Job offers a difficult case to solve and attracts experts to discuss it. Here lies the danger we must be aware of. People are so busy discussing about suffering, but they forget to help people who are suffering. Certainly, there is nothing wrong for us to reflect theoretically, philosophically, or theologically about suffering with all aspects associated within. However, do not forget, our important task is not only to talk about suffering. What is more important of all is to do real works to help people who are suffering.

Job was a victim of robbery, a victim of natural disasters, a victim of illness, and a victim of discriminatory acts. Aren't there around us a lot of Jobs? Namely those who are victims and the dispossession of their human rights, victims of natural disasters, victims of disease and viruses, as well as victims of racial and discriminative acts. It is not enough to just talk about and discuss it. We must act to help them.

### **Questions for discussion:**

1. How are your points of view about the contradiction between mindset of sin and mindset of Christ? How can we change the mindset of sin into the mindset of Christ?
2. What do you think about the reality of sufferings around you? And what can you do as young people?

## Bible Study 2.

# Living Together In Peace

## *Isaiah 11:6-9*

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### The Text Its Context

Isaiah 11:6-9 describes the liberty and harmony of all creatures in the world with coming of Messiah. The coming of Messiah contributes to universal peace, like the Garden of Eden in which humans, animals, and living beings lived in harmony. It is an ambitious hope within traumatic years, the period of domination by the Assyrian Empire which resulted in the devastation of the land of Judah as well as the end of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

During the period of the text, the power of the Assyrian Empire was tremendous by its well-trained army and organized bureaucracy. The Assyrian Empire granted heavy taxation to the occupied territories, plundered them, as well as acted cruelly to frighten the inhabitants of the occupied territories. They also sent the conquered people to other countries, mixing them, and destroying their national spirit.

The Israelites, who were in crisis by the Assyrian Empire, hoped that the occupied people in Assyria would be released, along with the reunification of Israel. They desired for the revival of the Davidic line. This means that the Messiah would come out from the descendants of David and revive Israel again.

The text is specially placed in continuation to chapter 10, which confirms the fall of the Assyrian Empire. It introduces the kingdom of Messiah to be accepted as an alternative world, not the Assyrian Empire. The Israelites, who had been scattered by the Assyrian Empire, in the meantime want to be able to unify the Israel families into the kingdom of Messiah as well as reconcile them.

The kingdom of Messiah will be filled with peace, unlike the Assyrian Empire. The peaceful world describes an amicable living between Strong (wolf, leopard, lion, bear, snake) and Weak (lamb, young goat, calf, cow, little child, nursing child, ox). Here antagonisms, either systemic or natural, should undergo redemption. The peaceful world is not a world where the weak and strong just live together, but hereafter the weak is no longer become the prey of the strong. This means that the weak will be liberated from the violence of the Strong.

In Isaiah 11:9, it is mentioned that the knowledge of the Lord will surely fill the earth like water covers the sea. The knowledge of the Lord relates to the Ten Commandments of Exodus 20 -- the Lord, who brought Israelites out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, is the only God. It reminds

people to believe the living God, the most important faith of Christians. In short, the knowledge of the Lord should be formed fully in person, in Israel community, as well as in contemporary Christian.

### **The Text in Our Context**

As Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, we confess that Isaiah's prophecy has been revealed through the life of Jesus, the descendant of David. Jesus Christ as the Messiah showed us how to actualize justice and how to love others. However, current society is still faced with numerous struggles of human right abuses, economic disparity, and irresponsible development of the environment. In this Bible study, it will be attempted to examine the text considering the contemporary environmental challenge to achieve peace with three themes: Belief in Jesus Christ, Togetherness in Living, and Towards the Peace.

#### **i. Belief in Jesus Christ**

The life of Jesus Christ, incarnated Messiah, was not antagonism or atrocity but compassion, healing, and redemption. He feeds the hungry, heals the sick, frees the demon-possessed, as well as preaches messages about the Kingdom of God so that people can learn what the true love is and how to practice the true love to the others.

Belief in Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ invites us to reimagine the world to undo the atrocity, arrogance, technocracy and aggressive consumerism, which are only capable to kill and to consume, never to nurture or grow. Faith in Jesus Christ is the vision of life, the message to affirm life and living, the philosophy to redeem the creation. Such a faith will bring a new rhythm in relations.

#### **ii. Togetherness in Living**

The practice of justice and love leads to co-existence. In the creation, the world was in harmony without any greedy. Isaiah 11:6-9 refers to the recovery to the original spirit of created world, in which humans, animals and all living beings have an equal and harmonious relationship. This is an impact of Messiah or this Messiah in effect. Christ's salvation ministry is not limited only to the nation of Israel and or to humankind, but also to the ecosystem that has been destroyed after the fall of Adam.

All relations of arrogance and antagonism should turn to amicability. Such a peace persuades that violence of the strong will disappear. When the violence of the strong and the fear of the weak are altered by Messiah, then peace could be achieved on this land in a variety of relationships: man and woman, adult and child, rich and poor, employer and employee, industrialized country and developing country, as well as human and nature.

#### **iii. Towards the Peace**

In an attempt to redeem the creation of the amicability of justice and love, we need to travel beyond technocracy and industrialism. For us, God is the truth, from which every creation derives



its relative significance. In Asia context, it is important to consider our contextual as well as the seeking the peace in daily life.

Environmental hazards could be considered one aspect of God's judgment. Living in new capitalism era, we stand in a social structure and an economic situation easy to lose the knowledge of the Lord: Money and power are given priorities; corruption is so severe; gender inequalities and injustices of elderly people exist in Asia context. In turn, we should cooperate, recognizing the social structural crisis and realizing true peace, in truth and light of the Lord so that justice can be realized in our life.

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What do these terms “harmony” and “peace” evoke in your personal life?
2. How can our Christian community help to seek the peace in Asia contemporary context?

**BIBLE STUDIES 3.**

## **Light and Truth in Our Deep Pain** *Psalm 43*

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**Introduction**

We live in a broken world where people suffer injustice, oppression, and human-made tragedies. When we experience the magnitude of the problems, difficult emotions arise in us unbidden; we get hurt, angry, anxious, and depressed. However, our culture tells us that these difficult emotions fall into the “negative” category, which threatens our life's tranquility somehow. In this culture, we learn to kill our feelings or deny the reality of our troubled emotions. As Walter Brueggemann rightly puts it, “... the wounded in our society are everywhere, but we are schooled in denial.” (*Walter Brueggemann, Psalmist's Cry: Scripts for embracing lament (USA: The House Studio and The Work of the People), p34.*)

However, Psalm 43 enlightens us that we need to penetrate the denial so that we can get in touch with our own pain in the presence of God's light and truth. Let us explore Psalm 43 as a guide to learn how we can move past the denial, to engage honestly with our difficult emotions and difficult situations, and arrive at genuine praise and hope.

**Exploration of Psalm 43****1. Acknowledging the real pain in the threats of injustice (v.1-2, 5a)**

Psalm 43 is an active prayer in the conversational language of a lament. The real pain of human experience is expressed in the psalmist's accusation, complaint, anger, petition, depression, and anxiety. Everything hurtful and urgent the psalmist has experienced has been said in the trust-based relationship that he has with God. The psalmist regards God as his refuge which shows his confidence that God is able and willing to hear and to deal with the core issue of injustice which is done by the ungodly, deceitful enemies who are out of relationship with God.

**2. Asking for God's Light and Truth in the dark and difficult journey (v.3)**

Light and Truth are interrelated here. Light illuminates truth about the path the traveller has been taking. On the way, it also reveals the reality of the darkness. It reveals the hidden dangers and the actual roots of the problems that are covered by darkness. The light causes darkness losing its power and conveys creative energy to the traveller allowing continued walking in the light. It is parallel to Jesus' explanation about light and truth in John 3:16 and 21. God's light enables people to do what is true, and in doing so, people come to the light. In this sense, walking in God's light does not only mean knowing what is true, but also doing and living what is right and true. The



psalmist asks that this dynamic interaction of the light and truth continues to accompany his journey towards God's holy dwelling - the altar of God.

### **3. Arriving at Genuine Praise and Hope at the Altar of God (v.4-5)**

For the Old Testament Hebrews, their Temple was the place where God had promised to dwell. The Temple was located on God's holy hill, and there was the altar where the blood of the animal sacrifice was sprinkled to make atonement for the people. It was the place where God's covenant people are forgiven, healed, and reconciled with God through the death of innocent animals. For New Testament Christians, this altar of God is symbolised by Jesus' death on the cross where God experienced our human vulnerability and suffering, where He defeated death the ultimate power of the darkness, and where He has restored His creation to the right relationship with Him and with one another.

At this altar, the psalmist finds the real joy in knowing that his difficult journey was not the end of the story. In the holistic view of God's bigger picture, the psalmist offers genuine praise to God. Then, he channels his difficult emotions by putting his hope in God and in expecting God's mysterious help in a higher reality, a reality beyond what people can see.

### **Reflection in Asians' Contexts**

We (Asian young people) live in a world where diverse forms of injustice prevail. Distorted views of success and happiness create problems. There is the unnecessary competitiveness among the younger generations in their educations and careers. Hedonism and consumerism causes human trafficking, the pornography business and the sex industry. The low view of woman and gender discrimination underpins a hierarchal society in Asia and can result in dysfunctional family life and limit women's efficiency in their work places and a wider society. The greed of the rich creates income disparity in our economic system so that the poor and the children of the poor are lock up in an unbreakable cycle of poverty. Denominational divisions, doctrinal disputes, corruption of church leadership and interreligious conflicts drain our energy to act as a light in the midst of this chaotic darkness. Instead, we suffer from difficult emotions such as anger, anxiety, and depression so that either we get involved in non-constructive fighting or freeze our interest in dealing with any injustice matters in our attempts to mute our pain from the hurt.

However, Psalm 43 shows us that emotions are a form of our internal energy. Instead of muting our painful emotions, we can channel their energy toward the creative energy which will enable us to know (analyze) and act (problem solving) what is right and true in our journey with God's Light and Truth.

Psalm 43 concludes with the hope that we can put in God, not because our difficult emotions are totally transformed or because all the darkness of injustice has gone. But because we can see the bigger story of God at the altar which symbolises God's ultimate victory, we can find meanings and values in the small chapters of our difficult journey. Living in hope does not mean that we expect



God to do everything for us according to our will. Rather, it is our trusting in God's mysterious way of doing things and our commitment to act on our hope to change the world and us.

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. What have been the most difficult emotions for you when you experience injustice and suffering in your personal life or in the wider world? How have they created barriers between you and God or between you and others? How would you like your emotions to serve you differently in the future?

2. Choose one of the issues of the injustice and the suffering that we have been discussing for the past few days here in AEYA. Share within the group;

- what your main concerns are;
- what the roots of the problems are in your understanding;
- how you would want to commit yourself in action to contribute to the problem-solving process.



