

# Worship Resources



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### Foreword by CCA General Secretary

Worship and spiritual life are special occasions for invoking God's blessings and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Ecumenical gatherings and events always give importance to worship and spiritual life during such occasions. The unity among the worshipping community evident at the ecumenical gatherings is the most profound expression and experience of the visible unity. Worship at every ecumenical gathering organised by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) has been aimed at helping the spiritual nourishment of the participants during CCA programmes since CCA was founded in 1957. The special preparations for worship and spiritual life at all major events of CCA's history also were occasions and opportunities for contributing to the development of worship resources with Asian indigenous spiritual emphasis. CCA and its vast constituencies realised and recognised during the past six decades of CCA's life and witness, the fact that unity does not need to result in uniformity, and that the many gifts of the Holy Spirit result in many forms of worship. With this conviction, the CCA has been taking special care in developing and preparing culturally diverse common worship resources at times of all major ecumenical events.

Asian ecumenical worship experiences combine liturgical and cultural features from many ecclesial and cultural traditions. There has been an increased appreciation from all corners for such rich diverse varieties of worship experiences in Asia, especially indigenous musical style, rhythm and instruments. It was generally accepted that symbolic actions in Asian worship help the worshipers to move beyond intellectual considerations, and undergo profound personal spiritual experiences. The common understanding and policy of CCA leadership from time to time affirmed the general Asian ecclesial and ecumenical perceptions that worship is as important as the business sessions or deliberative plenary sessions of the

meetings. It is precisely due to this reason that common experiences of worships including Eucharistic sharing are generally accepted as integral components of Asian ecumenical events.

The worship resources contained in this volume are specially prepared for the Asia Mission Conference by a group of seasoned Asian liturgists and church music specialists from different confessional traditions. Each day's order of worships have been prepared based on the thematic focus of each day's sessions. Special thanks are due to Rev. Jung Eun Grace Moon, CCA programme coordinator for Ecumenical Formation and Spirituality who coordinated the preparation of AMC worship resources with the expert assistance of Rev. Dr. I-to Loh, an internationally recognised Church Music and Ethnomusicology specialist and a group of other experienced Asian liturgists and musicians. I pray and hope that the valuable worship resources in this volume will enrich the spiritual experiences of all participants of the Asian Mission Conference which will be held in Yangon, Myanmar in October 2017.

26 September 2017

Mathews George Chunakara General Secretary

## **Journeying Together:**

## Prophetic Witness to the Truth and Light, in Asia

AMC Opening Service | Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLES FROM ASIAN NATIONS

[Carrying cross, candles, banners and symbols of Asian Churches. Procession: Glon Nana - Burmese Ensemble]

- Leader : Jesus says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)
- People: Lord Jesus, we have followed you and have seen your light, and have shared your light of life.
- Leader : "...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth, listens to my voice." (John 18:37)
- People: Lord Jesus, we seek your truth, and listen to your voice.

All : We have come from different races, cultures and churches, from all corners of Asia to this Asian Mission Conference, to celebrate the wonders of God's love, truth, justice and peace, to offer our praises and thanks, to confess our weaknesses and to seek God's wisdom and guidance as we continue to carry on God's mission in Asia.

Leader : Let us worship God and raise our voices in praise.

#### HYMN



COME, O COME (Sound the Bamboo #1, with drum and cymbals)

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. You have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The Worship Resource Book 1.4.10/29)

#### GIVING THANKS AND PRAISES FOR GOD'S MARVELOUS WORKS

Leader : God of life and history, we recall your goodness and faithfulness all through the 60 years of life of the Christian Conference of Asia.

You inspired the churches in Asia to affirm that we belong together, and to live a shared life with a common evangelistic task, inaugurating the East Asia Christian Conference. Let us give thanks to our loving God

(Musical response after each item: Myanmar, accompanied by gongs and drums)



Women: You challenged the Asian churches to serve together while being rooted in the common life of the people of Asia.You challenged us to participate in the struggles of the peoples in Asia for your promise of total liberation and fullness of life.

#### Response: Olelegoi

Men : You reminded us to work for freeing and uniting the suffering Asians, especially the oppressed and the marginalized.
 You called us to actively participate in your mission to work for a just, participatory and sustainable society, reconciling people to God, to one another, and to your creation.

#### Response: Olelegoi

Women: You called us to be bearers of hope, united in witness to your gift of life which must be nurtured, sustained and protected in a fast changing Asia.You challenged us to build communities of peace for all, reminding us of the gift of plurality and diversity that characterizes our Asia.

#### Response: Olelegoi

All : Grateful for the faithfulness of God, our Creator, throughout the past, and trusting in that same faithfulness for the future, we are, now, here to praise your name, to reaffirm our faith in you, and to recollect our task of witnessing Jesus Christ who is the truth, light, and life.



KAUNG MYAT PAY (Choirs, Music and Dance of Burmese song)

Leader : My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For the Lord our God is good. Let us magnify the Lord.



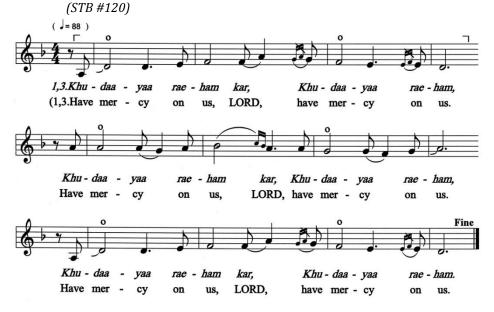
MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD

#### **CONFESSING OUR SIN**

Leader : When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our will to his.
We have failed in many ways to fulfil our duties.
People of God, let us ask our powerful God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord. (WRB 2.1. 16)

#### People: Khudaayaa raeham kar, part A

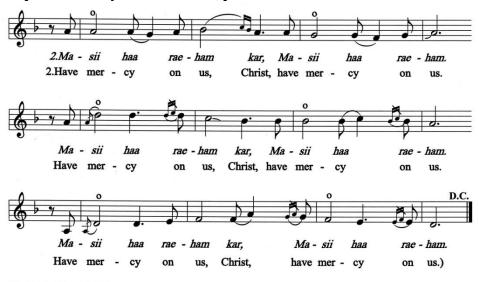
(STB #103, with drums)



All : Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people

divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.



Words: Traditional, Pakistan Music: KHUDAAYAA; R. F. Liberius, Pakistan

All : The profit and pleasure we pursue waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set our neighbors against neighbors and nations against nations.

People: Khudaayaa raeham kar, part A

People: Khudaayaa raeham kar, part B

- All : We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.
   (2.2.16)
- People: Khudaayaa raeham kar, part B
- All : Lord, heal and forgive us. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image;

#### through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen (2.2.15) People: Khudaayaa raeham kar, part A

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

- Leader : 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.
- All : Thanks be to God. (2.4.38)

#### RESPONSE

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HALLELUJAH! Syrian Hallelujah, CCA Worship Bk Puji Tuhan p.43



As taught by Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim © 2004 WCC-COE, 150, Route de Ferney CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.

#### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Leader : Lord God, help us turn our hearts to You and hear what You will speak, for You speak peace, truth and justice to Your people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(3.1.4)

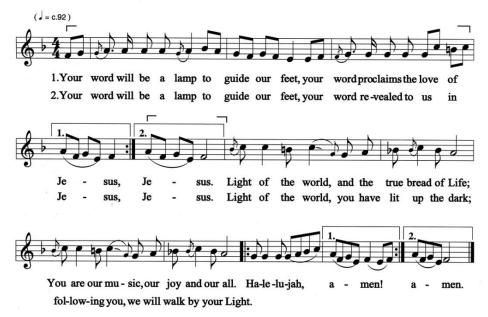
#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Leader : The reading from the Book of Isaiah 61:1-2, This is the Word of the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSE



YOUR WORD WILL BE A LAMP (STB #46, st. 1)



Words: Anonymous; tr. Calvin Chelliah, Malaysia Music: KUTHU VILLEKU; Thamilz melody, Malaysia

Psalm 118:14; 119:105

Gospel procession to the people.

#### (Stand with your body and spirit)

Leader : Let us read the Bible, Micah 6. 6-8, as the Word of the Lord; With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? People: Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSE

YOUR WORD WILL BE A LAMP (STB #46, st. 2)

SERMON

Rev. Diana Tana, Vice Moderator of CCA

Leader : May your lively Spirit God, blow throughout this ravished earth, giving cultures, creatures, plants, wholeness, stillness, growth and worth. Beat the drums and play the flute, let the Asian church rejoice.

HYMN



SOUND A MYSTIC BAMBOO SONG (LACR #67)

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#### **AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

Leader : Let us express our unity with the church of all ages by professing our faith:

All : We believe in one God, Author of life, Creator of the universe. We believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into the world to seek the lost and to redeem the whole creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads us all to the truth, renewing us and enabling us to grow in the likeness of Christ. We affirm that the churches in Asia are called to live together in the household of God, as they gather for worship, proclaim the Good News, and serve the people who are in need, seeking justice and peace. Our hope is in Jesus Christ who invites us all to fulfill God's

Our hope is in Jesus Christ who invites us all to fulfill God's will in the household of God. Amen.

#### FACING OUR CHALLENGES

Statement of the Challenging Issues in Asia

Leader : Sisters and brothers, for the mission of our church, we are facing the following challenges:

#### P-1 : Groaning of Creation: Stewardship

We have now come to recognise the deep interconnections and interdependence among human life and all other forms of life on earth. We also realise that human activity can change the delicate natural ecological balance of our small planet earth for the worse. Global warming and climate change, obviously related to the excessive emission of carbon from human industrial activity, burning of fossil fuels and the pervasive consumerist life-style are now visibly affecting all parts of the world. Inexorable human greed continues to destroy forests, pollute rivers and deplete ground water and all other non-renewable resources.

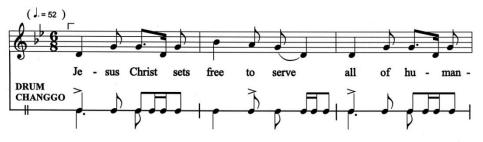
#### P-2 : People on the Move: Embracing the Stranger

People on the move are increasing in large numbers today in Asia with different causes and they belong to various categories: war refugees, climate refugees, migrant workers, internally displaced persons due to conflicts and violence, victims of religious and ethnic persecutions and preys of human trafficking. Welcomed or not, these less fortunate people end up in other countries and communities as migrants. They are often strangers in unfamiliar circumstances, facing discrimination, social exclusion, and even rejection. The numbers of forced movements and their victims are increasing in Asia too. Despite the progress of modern transportation and information technologies, in the era of globalisation, the doors of the world are tightened or altogether closed for migrants. We live in societies where the status of strangers is changed from being a recipient of hospitality to that of a victim of hostility.

#### RESPONSE



## JESUS CHRIST SETS FREE TO SERVE (STB #247)









Words: Theme Song, CCA 8th General Assembly, 1985, I-to Loh, Taiwan Music: SEOUL; I-to Loh, Taiwan

Luke 4:18-19

#### P-3 : The Excluded and the Marginalised: Accompanying People and Communities

Asian societies, in reality, are divided. Vast sections of people are marginalised and excluded. Sociological forces alone are not the reasons for such exclusions, but economic impoverisation is also a cause for marginalisation and exclusion, as they are victims of the present dominant model of development. In the present context of extreme marginalisation and exclusion, we are called to be in a mission of accompaniment and inclusion.

#### P-4 : Economic Injustice: Prophetic Witnessing

As inequality is shockingly intensifying in Asia, an inescapable mission imperative for churches and the faith community is to become deeply and systematically aware of the intensification of poverty and inequality.

As the present economic trend of the world witnesses the ascent of money, the world is fast coming under the reign of money, *the reign of Mammon*. People are falling into the trap of worshipping money and prosperity. The worship of wealth and power deeply impacts on our values, thinking, ethics, and religion.

#### RESPONSE



JESUS CHRIST SETS FREE TO SERVE

#### P-5 : Religious Intolerance: Nurturing Inter-faith Harmony

Although well-meaning people everywhere had hoped that the 21st century would usher in, an age of peace and justice, our world is suffering from mounting violence and conflicts under the banners of religion and culture. The spectre of fundamentalism, with its characteristic exclusivism and aggressiveness, is on the rise in several world religions that were once considered pacifists. War and conflicts are generating massive migrations of

populations that challenge the traditional openness and hospitality of human communities. Xenophobia, with a religious tinge, can be the most dangerous sign for the future of our world.

#### P-6 : Geo-Political Turmoil: Building Peace

We recognise that the Asian continent is diverse and the Asian contexts cover a wide range of factors: vast geographical terrain, rich religious and cultural heritages, ethnic identities, philosophical traditions, diverse customs and social values, economic gamut, and political ideologies.

Unfortunately, Asia is a region where most nations deeply distrust their neighbours and where old-style nationalism still reigns at its zenith. Nuclear and missile programmes are advancing fast in Asia due to the competition among nations. The growing militarytechnological alliance between Asian countries and non-Asian nations, and the amassing of sophisticated weapons and advanced military technologies by an increased number of countries in Asia are disturbing signals.

#### RESPONSE



JESUS CHRIST SETS FREE TO SERVE

Leader : Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for calling us to join your mission in Asia;

we thank you for guiding us through all the trials and tribulations, yet we are faced with innumerable issues and challenges

which are beyond our abilities to solve.

Help us to know that nothing is impossible to You.

So we pray that you would give us the faith, wisdom, trust

and courage to follow the guidance of your Spirit,

that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We now join in our hearts and pray the prayer that your Son has taught us:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(in the mother tongue)

#### THEME SONG

Follow Christ, Walk in the light

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#### DEDICATING AND SENDING OUT FOR MISSION

[Presenting Symbols of Unity in Mission, and Dedication]

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- Leader : Jesus said: If anyone would come after me, he/she must deny himself/herself and take up the cross and follow me (Mk.8:34)
- People: We dedicate ourselves, O God, to carry your cross, journeying with the struggling people to witness to the Word in faith.
- Leader : As we venture to journey into the future mission of Christian Conference of Asia, may we dedicate ourselves to be the light of hope for people in darkness.
- People: We dedicate ourselves to carry the True Light to dispel darkness and to give hope to people in the midst of hopelessness.
- Leader : I call upon you as members and witness to the Mission of the CCA to renew your commitment to participate in building God's Kingdom.
- People: O God, we dedicate ourselves to follow Christ on the way of the Cross, and to participate in building God's Kingdom of Peace, Justice and Love. A-men.



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GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY (Tune: CWM RHONDDA)

#### CHARGE

Leader : "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(Matt. 28:19-20)

#### People: Amen!

#### BENEDICTION

Leader : May the blessing which we have received from the Triune God go with us on our journey. Now, go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

#### HYMN

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU (LACR #134)

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#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND APPRECIATION

#### RECESSION



#### SIYAHAMBA

(Puji Tuhan CCA Worship Bk, p.111. South Africa, drums etc.)

#### COME, O COME

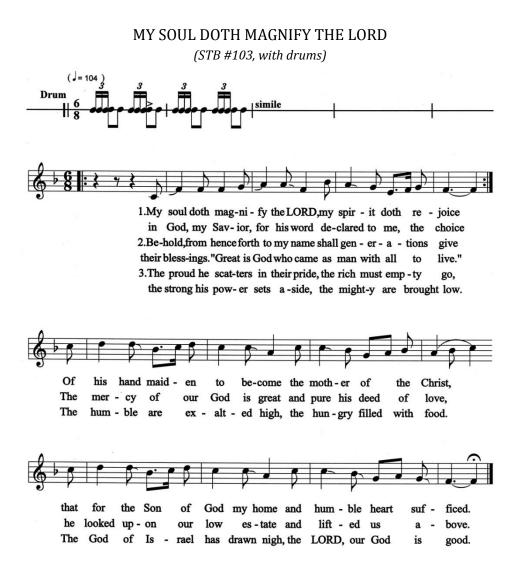
(Sound the Bamboo #1, with drum and cymbals)



 Lajahle, wingiñ Hp'ya wingiñ Hp'ya i myetha hayah ko chimoañ zohley, myetha hayah ko chimoañ zohley.

Words: Saw Gideon Tun Shwe, Myanmar Music: LAJAHLE; Saw Gideon Tun Shwe, Myanmar

John 14:25-27



\* Performance suggestion: See No. 119.

Words: D.T. Niles, Sri Lanka Music: GUNUNG NONA; Maluku folk song, Indonesia

Luke 1:46-55

#### SOUND A MYSTIC BAMBOO SONG

(LACR #67, with drums, gongs or cymbals.)



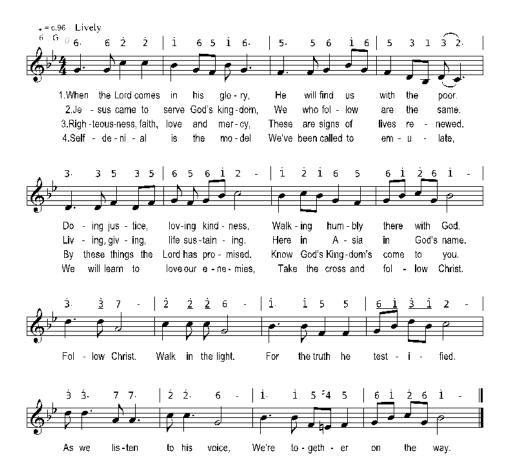
#### **Performance suggestions:**

- Sing first the non-lexical-syllables of the Kalinga (Philippines) and Amis (Taiwan) in the 2nd voice;
- stz. 1, text with non-lexical syllables (2nd voice);
- stz. 2, all sing text without 2nd voice; stz. 3, both parts sing same text;
- stz. 4, sing text and non-lexical syllables.

\*"Asian church" may be substituted by "church of God".

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#### FOLLOW CHRIST, WALK IN THE LIGHT



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Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt. Music: John Hughes, 1907

#### MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU (LACR #134)











\*May be replaced by the following words in subsequent stanzas: light, power, life, promise, will, word, hope. In Japanese, "Heiwa" may be replaced by the following words in the subsequent stanzas: hikari, chikara, inochi, yurushi, mimune, kotoba, kiboo, nozomi. 欲唱多次時,可以下列名詞代替之: 真光、能力(大能)、活命(生命)、應允(應許)、旨意、道理、向望(盼望)。

Words and Music: Fr. Izumi Shiota (塩田泉 1951-), Japan, 1970. Para. Taiwanese: I-to Loh; Mandarin: Eddy K. M. Chong English trans. and arr. Lori True; accomp. Mary Howarth

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#### SIYAHAMBA (Puji Tuhan CCA Worship Bk, p.111. South Africa, drums etc.)



## Unity

#### AMC Evening Prayer | Thursday, 12th October 2017

#### PLAYING OF SI AND WAH (Myanmar instruments)

- Congregations shall be seated on the floor (colorful flowers and white ribbons)
- Dancers and leaders enter

#### **OPENING HYMN**



COME NOW O PRINCE OF PEACE (STB #241)

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- Leader : We ask God for forgiveness, especially for those times when we have favored divisions within the Church, and have not whole-heartedly sought unity. We say together,
- All : Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed.
   We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, understanding and love.

We repent for our narrow-mindedness, our bitterness and our prejudices.

Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- Leader : Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All : Amen.

Leader : Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and who reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All : Amen.

#### THE FIRST READING



PSALM 133 (to be sung by choirs and the congregation joins in Refrain)

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#### **GOSPEL READING**

John 17: 20-23

#### (Please be seated)

(Stand in body and in spirit)

Leader : In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. For the healing of the Church of God everywhere, let us ask the Holy Spirit.

- All : Lord, have mercy!
- Leader : That the churches may discover again their visible unity in the one baptism, let us pray for the love of Christ.
- All : Lord, have mercy!
- Leader : That the churches may recognize each other's ministries in the service of their one Lord, let us pray for the peace of Christ.
- All : Lord, have mercy!
- Leader : That, in obedience to Jesus, we may work effectively together for the benefit of the poor and the marginalized.
- All : Lord, have mercy!

- Leader : As our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,
- All : Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
- Leader : Into your hands, O Lord, we commend the healing of your Church and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All : Amen.

#### THE OFFERTORY

Leader : Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

ALELLUYA PRAISE THE LORD

(People go and offer the flower in the large vase)

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Leader : The sign of peace follows and we are invited to share Christ peace with all those present.
Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All : And also with you.

Leader : Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(All signing Peace Time and waving the white ribbon.)

- Leader : *(The prayers and the blessing follow.)* The Lord be with you.
- All : And also with you.
- Leader : We are the body of Christ.
- All : In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
- Leader : Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
- All : and builds up our common life.
- Leader : The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.
- All : Amen, Amen, Amen.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**



FRIEND TO FRIEND (STB #244)

#### COME NOW O PRINCE OF PEACE (STB #241)



#### PSALM 133

min min



#### ALELLUYA PRAISE THE LORD

min min



Here our offerings we bring to you O lord we enter your holy place In your presence ,with humility and humbleness we offer all our hearts all our soul and our bodies we offer unto God a praise song Halleluya

FRIEND TO FRIEND (STB #244) Introduction (J=76)A7 G D Е A7 D Em D 1.Let us now as God's own peo-ple, give the sign of peace, pro -A<sup>7</sup> G D claim - ing our love for one an - oth - er, bind-ing friend to friend. Refrain G D A7 D Christ Je-sus calls us to love one an-oth - er, to be one in him, G A7 D Fine

friend to friend, in love to each oth - er, we shall give our hands.



2.In our care for one an - oth - er, by each kind - ly word, by



ev - ery lov - ing deed, we make known the love of Je - sus Christ.



3.We feed the hung-ry, clothe the na - ked, give drink to those who thirst, for



Words: Eduardo P. Hontiveros, Philippines Music: FRIEND; Eduardo P. Hontiveros, Philippines

I John 4:7; John 13:34-35; Matthew 25:35-36

# **Journeying Together:**

## **Mission as Affirming the Servanthood**

AMC Morning Worship | Friday, 13th October 2017

## **INVITING PEOPLE TO GATHER**

**SOUND OF DRUMS** 

## CALLING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Calling sound from 6 different horns representing the 60<sup>th</sup>anniversary of the CCA

Leader : Sisters and Brothers in Christ, our worship this morning is sharing in the pains and sufferings of people around us. Let me invite you then to turn your eyes to the worship center.

## INVITING PEOPLE TO SEE DIFFERENT HUMAN SUFFERINGS

[Video Presentation of people who are victims of human trafficking, refugees, idp, etc]

Leader : In the midst of these disturbing realities can we still praise God? Can we still sing our song to God?



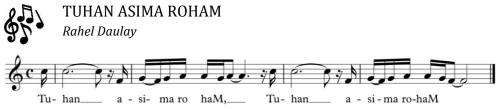
HOW CAN OUR SONG THIS TIME BE CHANTED? (NSAC #19) Verse 1: Men Voices, Verse 2: Women Voices; Verse 3 & Refrain: All

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader : How can we, indeed, sing our song, O God, in the midst of sufferings, pains and victimization? We then ask you, O God, to be in our midst; We ask you to open our minds and hearts that we may feel your presence, so that we can worship you in truth and spirit. We implore you to move and challenge us to be sensitive to your call and to be sensitive to the needs and cries of people.

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**



## INVITING PEOPLE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:12-20

#### HYMN



SEND YOUR WORD, O LORD (STB#218)

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## **INVITING PEOPLE TO PRAY**

Leader 1: Lord, it is a leap of faith for us to leave our own home and country and live in another country.

> However, no matter what the difficulties were, they did not stop us. So we belong now to the approximately quarter of a billion people who leave our birthplaces and live in another country.

[Tableau of people suffering from migration]

Leader 2: We know Lord, that to leave our home and our homeland is one of the most difficult decisions that we people of the world have to face every day. Every day, all over the world, we make the most difficult decision in our lives; to leave our homes in search of a better life.

#### [Sound of Ching (Silence)]

Leader 1:0 God, our words cannot express what our minds can barely comprehend and what our hearts feel when we hear of children and adults deceived and transported to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor because of human greed.

[Tableau of people suffering from human trafficking]

- Leader 2: Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are being transgressed through threats, deception, and force. We cry out against the degrading practice of trafficking and pray for it to end.
- All : Strengthen the fragile-spirited and broken-hearted. Make real your promises to fill these our sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good, and send the exploiters away empty-handed. Give us the wisdom and courage to stand in solidarity with them, that together we will find ways to the freedom that is your gift to all of us.

[Sound of Bell (Silence)]

Leader 1: Lord, you give us the unwavering call to do justice. You tell us to defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow, to love the foreigner residing among us, to provide for the hungry, the thirsty, and the naked, to love our enemy.

[Tableau of people suffering from being refugees]

Leader 2:0 Lord of compassion, we ask for your continued mercy for those who seek shelter, for the refugees and immigrants in our midst. We ask you to continue to protect those who are without documentation. We turn to you, God of refuge, power, love, and compassion,

All : Creator of the earth and humankind, we ask that you teach us to love our neighbors, so that we may obey your commands.
 We ask that you teach us to have compassion for our neighbors, who may be different from us, so that we truly understand what it is to love.

We ask that you give us strength to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

[Sound of Moung (Silence)]

Leader 1: Lord we come before you as many parts of a single body.

People drawn from every tribe, every nation, every language; some indigenous—peoples of the land; some refugees, immigrants, pilgrims—people on the move; some hosts, some guests, some both hosts and guests; all of us searching for an eternal place where we can belong. [Tableau of people suffering from discrimination(Idp, street children and in diaspora)]

[Sound of Khaesy (Silence)]

All : May your Spirit fill us with hope. Remind us that we are good enough for you, so that in all things, we will follow your will, and take up the call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Lord, we wish to do your will: to promote justice and live faithfully. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.



MY BOAT OF LIFE SAILS ON AN ANGRY SEA (STB#50)

Solo: In Indonesian language (first stanza only)

All:	My boat of life sails on angry sea,
	the weather changes with each passing day.
	Sometimes it brings such happiness and joy;
	Sometimes there's nothing but great anxiety

**Men:** There was a time when things were simply bad, the obstacles I faced were like a storm,

Women: The sail was ripped, my rudder broke in two.

All: It didn't look like I'd make it safely home.

Solo:	But in the raging wind I heard a voice. It said,
	"Don't be afraid, your faith is strong."

Women: I am your pilot you won't lose your way. You know I'll help you when everything goes wrong.All: So now the wind can come, the wind can go,

- All: So now the wind can come, the wind can go, I am no longer frightened by the sea.
- Men: When waters roar and dark clouds fill the sky



1.Su - ka dan du - ka da-lam hi-dup-ku, Si - lih ber-gan - ti da-tang ber-la - lu,
2.Na-mun Tu - han - ku da-tang ber-se - ru, "Ku - at - kan i - man da-lam ha - ti - mu".
1.My boat of life sails on an an-gry sea, the weath-er changes with each passing day.
2.But in the rag-ing wind I heard a voice. It said, "Don't be a fraid, your faith is strong.



Se-ring ter - la - lu pa-hit dan be - ku, Ge - lap te - ra - sa se - lu -ruh hi - dup - ku. Ku di - ser - ta - i da-lam p'ra-hu - ku, Me - nem -puh ba - dai yang pas - ti ber - la - lu. Sometimes it brings such hap-pi-ness and joy; sometimes there's nothing but great anx - i - e - ty. I am your pi- lot, you won't lose your way, you know I'll help you when everything goes wrong."



Ge -mu-ruh om - bak ku-at men-de - ru, A-ngin ba-dai me - ner - pa p'ra-hu - ku, Ku - te -tap ta - bah t'rus meng-a-rung - i, Tia-da gen - tar si - ap-meng-ha-dap - i, There was a time when things were simply bad, the ob-sta-cles I faced were like a storm, So now the wind can come, the wind can go, I am no long - er frightened by the sea.



A-wan ge- lap meng-ha - lang pan-dang-ku, Se-a-kan ka-ram se-g'rape - ra-hu ku. S'ga la rin-tang - an tia - da ber - ar - ti, Kar-haTu-han-ku te-tap be -ser -ta - ku. The sailwas ripped, my rud - der broke in two, it did-n't look like I'd make it safe-ly home. When wa-ters roar and dark clouds fill the sky, I say,"It's all right, the Lord will be with me."

Words: Toga P. L. Rajagukguk, Indonesia, para. Rolando S. Tinio Music: *PRAHU*; Toga P. L. Rajagukguk, Indonesia

Matthew 8:22-26

## **INVITING PEOPLE TO REFLECT**

#### DANCE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

#### HYMN



JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH JESUS CHRIST First and second stanza only

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## **INVITING PEOPLE TO ACTIONS**

#### BENEDICTION

Minister: Go now listen to the cries of the suffering people around you, their cries for freedom, their shouts for justice, their longing to be accepted, welcomed and respected, and their prayers for peace. Go and respond concretely to those in need so that they would truly experience the blessings and empowerment of the Lord, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life.

All : So be it.

#### HYMN



COMFORT, COMFORT ALL MY PEOPLE (*STB#184*)

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#### RECESSIONAL

(People in the tableau and the dancers will go down from the stage.)

#### HOW CAN OUR SONG THIS TIME BE CHANTED?

(NSAC #19 - verse 1: Men Voices, Verse 2: Women Voices; Verse 3 & Refrain: All)





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#### SEND YOUR WORD, O LORD (STB#218)

(Japanese: Mikotoba o kudasai)





 Mi-kotoba o kudasai, kusa ni oku tsuyu no yooni, Inochi no Shū yo, Hito to hito tono, kokoro kayowazu, midare ara soo sekai no tame ni.

Words: Yasushige Imakoma, Japan; para. Nobuaki Hanaoka Music: MIKOTOBA; Shōzō Koyama, Japan

Matthew 8:8; Amos 8:11

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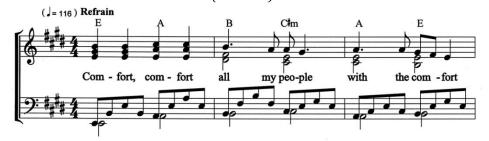
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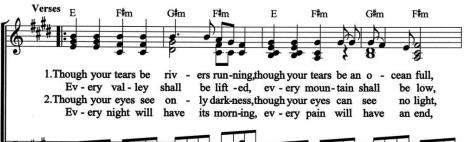
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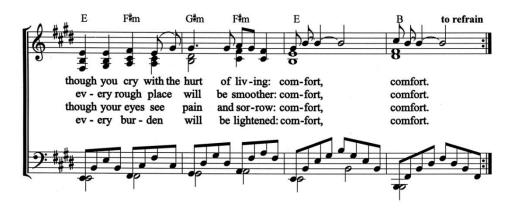












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Isaiah 40:1-2

# Reconciliation

## AMC Evening Prayer | Friday, 13th October 2017

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader : All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
- People: Mighty God, you are the initiator of reconciliation.
- Leader : In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

#### People: Mighty God, you are the initiator of reconciliation.

- Leader : In Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross.
- People: Mighty God, you are the initiator of reconciliation.

( II Cor 5:18-19, Eph 2:15-16)

#### **OPENING HYMN**



PSALM 117 Salai Nay Lynn Htun

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#### CONFESSION

- Leader : If your brother/sister sins against you, go and tell him/her his/her fault, between you and him/her alone. If he/she listens to you, you have gained your brother/sister.
- All : And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

(Moment of Silence)

Leader : How blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

(Matt 18:15, 6:12, Ps 32:1)

#### WELCOMING SONG FOR THE READING



WATER OF LIFE Salai Nay Lynn Htun

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#### READING Colossians 1:19-22 (Taiwan)

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer : Pray for CCA (Indonesia)



NYAH OO YAN HNITE



Prayer : Pray for Myanmar especially the two communities from Rakhine State (Myanmar)



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Prayer : Pray for the poor (Philippines)



NYAH OO YAN HNITE

Prayer : Pray for the world (China)



NYAH OO YAN HNITE

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**



WEEPING AND REJOICING Salai Nay Lynn Htun

**SIGN OF PEACE** "Chan myaeh ba say" (Peace be with you)

#### **CLOSING HYMN**



PSALM 134 Salai Nay Lynn *Htun* 

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

(Choir is singing the drone throughout the Prayer.)

#### **Prayer for Peace** St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### PSALM 117 Salai Nay Lynn Htun



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#### WATER OF LIFE Salai Nay Lynn Htun – Rev 22:17



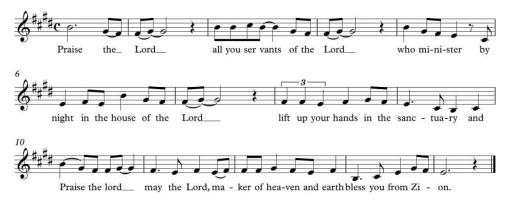
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\*Come let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

#### PSALM 134

Salai Nay Lynn Htun Shan Traditional



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# Journeying Together: Mission as Participating in the Reign of God

## AMC Morning Worship | Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### PROCESSION

Children's Choir



THE DREAM IN OUR HEARTS F. Feliciano

[Children's choir carrying symbols of interfaith (printed picture of many religions) and put them close to the "Main Lantern", while music is being played, then continue with singing.]

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader : I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
- People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- Leader : I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
- People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- Leader : You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."
- All : Praise the Lord.

#### HYMN



COME, O COME, SISTERS, BROTHERS, COME (LACR #2 drums-children dance)

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#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

RESPONSE



- (The choir will continue the humming while the leader and people read the prayer of confession)
- Leader : Lord you showed us true humility by becoming one of us, **People: yet too often we practice pride.** Leader : You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,

- People: yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.
- Leader : You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,
- People: yet too often we adore those who are strong, respected, and popular.



BROKEN COMMUNION TORE YOU APART

- Leader : You freely forgave and healed,
- People: yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.
- Leader : You lived a perfectly holy life,
- People: yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.
- Leader : You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,
- People: yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.



- People: yet too often we deny you.
- Leader : You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
- People: yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.
- All : Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.



BROKEN COMMUNION TORE YOU APART

## LITANY OF GLORIA

Leader : Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus; that our hearts might be filled with joy, hope, and peace, we pray; that we might respond to opportunities, we pray; that we might be strengthened to face challenges, we pray; that we might become the persons we are called to be, we pray; that we might learn to respect our sisters and brothers, we pray; that we might see the needs of others and give help, we pray Glory to God our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit our Comforter from now and ever more. Amen.

## LISTENING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-14

#### THEME SONG

TO THE TRUTH WE MUST ALL TESTIFY

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## **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

#### Prayer Response from Tayal tribe





Words: Tayal Hymn #288; para. I-to Loh Music: Yokay Watan, Tayal, Taiwan, 2017

Leader : We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people. God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

(silence)

Leader : O Lord of providence, holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our countries.
Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our peoples, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness.
So that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

(silence)

Leader : O God the creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding, that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children

#### (silence)

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

#### (silence)

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

#### Prayer response from Tayal tribe

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

[in the mother tongue]

#### **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

- The children will distribute the ribbon to the participants
- *Children representing sincerity, which we need to build the harmony.*
- Once the participants get the colorful ribbon, they will tie the ribbon to each neighbor's hand to represent the diversity of lives in harmony in the Reign of God.
- Singers will start singing "He came singing love" then followed by the people.

HYMN



HE CAME SINGING LOVE (STB #205)

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Leader : May the love of God surround you, the wisdom of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit encourage you as you joyfully proclaim: Our world belongs to God! God reigns forever!

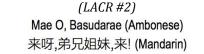
#### RESPONSE



AMEN, AMEN, AMEN Music by Ito Loh



#### COME, O COME, SISTERS, BROTHERS, COME













\*In Central Moluccas, "e-lo" means "amen," true, right or yes.

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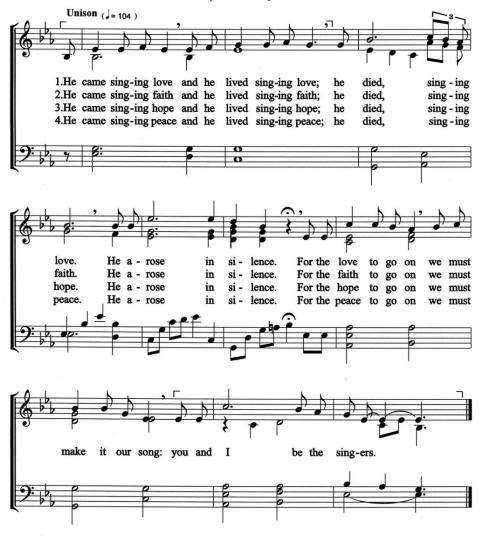
#### TO THE TRUTH WE MUST ALL TESTIFY



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#### HE CAME SINGING LOVE

(STB #205)



Words: Colin A. Gibson, New Zealand Music: SINGING LOVE; Colin A. Gibson, New Zealand

Ephesians 2:17-18

# **Care for Creation**

## AMC Evening Prayer | Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### PRELUDE



CHANTING WITH LEAF U Dawt Thang

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader : In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- People: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- Leader : How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- People: There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.
- Leader : Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- People: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- All : Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

(Gen 1:1, Ps 19:1,104:24-25, 96:11-12,Ps 150:6)

#### **OPENING HYMN**



KAUND MYAT PAY Salai Nay Lynn Htun

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#### CONFESSION



THE CRY OF THE CREATION U Dawt Thang (chanting in Matu Chin language)

#### All : Lord, grant us the Wisdom to Care for the Creation.



The wind is blowing, the wind is blowing Weaving in the sky The young leaf has fallen to the ground, not in its time. The wind is blowing.

#### READING

#### Jeremiah 32:17 (Kachin)

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

#### Genesis 1:26&27 (Kayin)

"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

#### Roman 11:36(Chin)

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

(Everyone is facing the big globe in the altar and pray for the Earth, while the choir will sing "The Prayer for the Earth")

CHORAL SINGING MYAY Salai Nay Lynn Htun

**SIGN OF PEACE** (People will say to each other: "Care for the creation", while the Choir is singing "Yay")

CHORAL SINGING YAY Salai Nay Lynn Htun

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in the mother tongue)

#### **BENEDICTION**

Leader : The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

(Number 6:24-26)



#### KAUND MYAT PAY

Based on Psalm 32:8

Salai Nay Lynn Htun



Hay! Come! Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is good for ever. He created the water, the wind and the earth for us to live. Way lay lay way lay!!!

## **Journeying Together:**

## Mission as Embodying the Spirituality of the Cross

## AMC Morning Worship | Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### **MUSICAL PREPARATION**

### THE CROSS CALLING US TO WORSHIP

- Leader : Sisters and brothers, we are all members of Christ's churches in Asia, called and sent by God to witness the crucified Christ.
- People: We are witnesses of the truth of the spirituality of the cross of Christ.
- Leader : The spirituality of the cross of Christ is manifested in various creative and contextual shapes, colors and meanings as various church witnesses and missions in Asia.
- People: We are witnesses of the light of the spirituality of the cross of Christ.
- Leader1: Listen, the sound of the Cross of Christ is calling us to continue the journey of our witnesses and missions around all countries in Asia.
- All : Let us worship God with joy.

#### HYMN



O COME, LET'S COME AND DANCE WITH JOY LACR #3

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:12-20

### **MEDITATION ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CROSS**

#### HYMN



GOD CREATED US TO BE *LACR # 88B* 

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Leader : Lord of the universe, creator of all that exit, we thank you for gathering us in this morning to participate, to share our creative gifts, and to witness the unity and diversity of your peoples in Asia. All : Receive us, O God, here and now in our worship today. Accept us again as one community of faith by the new spirituality of your holy cross. Leader : Our heavenly Parents, thank you for your loving kindness, You have given us the strength, health, wisdom and patience to worship, and to work together until the last day of this conference. All : We thank you for enabling us to see and deal with important issues today. Help us to have deeper understanding of how to carry on continuously your mission as embodying the spirituality of the cross in Asia. Leader : We thank you for your blessings with new hope

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- Leader : We thank you for your blessings with new hope and joy in our hearts. Make us to be your truth and light in our journeying and witnessing together amidst Asian plurality.
- All : You are our God, our everlasting refuge, and eternal home.

#### RESPONSE

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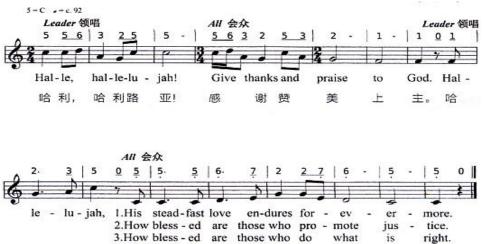
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# HALLELUJAH! GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD LACR # 24



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#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader : We believe in a loving God, whose Word sustains our lives and the work of our hands in the world.

People: God is Life.

- Leader : We believe in God's Son among us, who brought the seed of life's renewal. He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love.
- **People: Jesus Christ is the Lord.**
- Leader : We believe in the Spirit of Life, who makes us one with God; whose strength and energy renew our effort toward unity.
- People: This Spirit is Love.

- Leader : We believe in the Church of God at the service of all people, so that we may see truth on earth.
- People: The Church is a witness to truth.
- Leader : We believe in new Life in Christ through his redeeming love and sacrificial death on the cross.
- People: Your Cross is our glory.
- Leader : We believe in the everlasting life and the future of a New World, where the Word of God will be the Truth to all in Christ, our Lord.
- People: Amen.

(Adapted from the Worship Resources, Extra Ordinary General Assembly, 10 General Assembly, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1995, altered)

## THEME SONG



FOLLOW CHRIST, WALK IN THE LIGHT

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## SENT AS WITNESSES OF THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CROSS

Leader : Sisters and brothers, let us journey together not as a broken and fragmented cross

(A symbol of the cross divided into four sections shown by four people in front of the congregation accompanied by the sound of gongs, drums and flutes. On the cross is written: AMC, the Spirituality of the Cross)

Leader : But as a united mission embodying in the Spirituality of the Cross.

(A cross formed by a combination of four pieces of the cross, accompanied by the sound of drums, gongs and flutes, while people sing: Go Out in Peace to Serve the LORD)

#### HYMN



GO OUT IN PEACE TO SERVE THE LORD *LACR #135* 

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## BENEDICTION

Leader : May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all grace, truth, light and the spirituality of the cross, bless us now and forever.

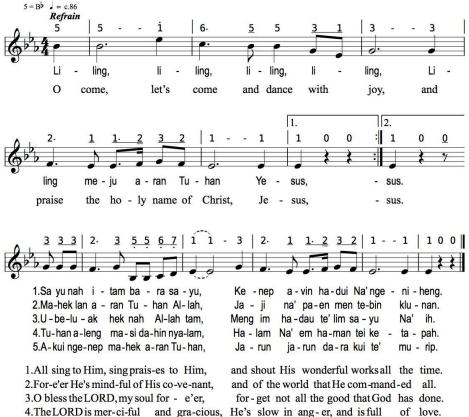
## RESPONSE





#### O COME, LET'S COME AND DANCE WITH JOY

LACR #3 Liling, Liling, Meju Aran Tuhan Yesus (Kayan)



5.I'll sing to God as long as I live,

and all my life I'll give Him thanks and praise.

Notes: "Liling" means dancing. In the folk tradition, they frequently harmonize the song with lower 5 (sol) as a drone by men all way through, and a few men or women would add a higher part in parallel harmony (either 3th, 4th, 5th or 6th).

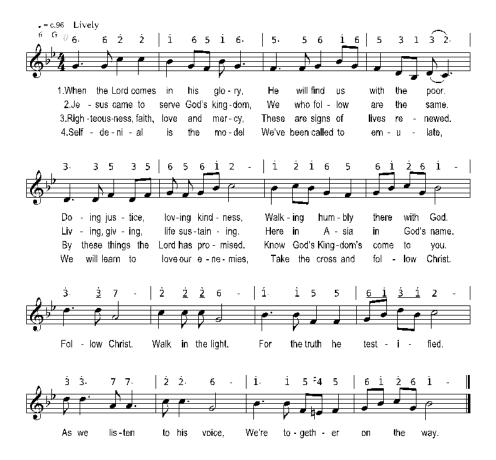
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#### GOD CREATED US TO BE LACR # 88B



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May be sung a whole tone higher.

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## **Journeying Together:**

## Prophetic Witness to the Truth and Light, in Asia

AMC Closing Service | Monday, 16th October 2017

SONG REHEARSAL

SILENT PREPARATION

## **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **CALLING SOUND**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

<u>(Stand in body and in spirit)</u>

Leader :	Sisters and brothers, look around you.
	The light of the Lord shines in our presence.
All :	Let us open our eyes and see it,
	because the light is shining to protect
	and guide our lives, and our churches in Asia.
Leader :	We gather to praise the light, for it shines even in our darkness.
	Let us worship the Creator and Carrier of the light.
All :	Father, we, your people, rise up in splendor,
	for your light has come.
Leader :	The glory of you, our God, shines now upon us.
Women:	O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter,
	we gather before you as seekers of truth.
Men :	We have been called and sent by God to gather
	in this Land of Myanmar.
Women:	Unite us your people: people from different traditions and cultures,
	ethnic groups and heritages, Church denominations and historical

backgrounds, other faiths and teachings.

- Men : Unite us your people: people who are isolated, the marginalized, women, men, children, youth and the elderly.
- All : O eternal God, come and unite us in your truth and light: that we might together discern your will, and respond to your call for a joint mission in Asia today. We have all come to worship you and praise you joyfully.

## HYMN



COME, O COME SISTERS, BROTHERS, COME *LACR#2* 

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

<u>(Please be seated)</u>

Leader : Indeed, before God we cannot hide our sins. Let us now humbly confess our sins. O God, our Creator, you have called us to serve the church and the world, yet we confess our insincerity in witnessing the truth of our faith. Our journey of life is more often in darkness, than in your light. People: O LOPD Have Mercy on Us

## People: O LORD, Have Mercy on Us

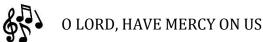




Music: Chan Ka (陳嘉), Hong Kong, SAR of China, 2013

- Leader : O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of truth and love. Come into the brokenness of our lives, churches and countries with your healing love.
- Women: We acknowledge our failures and omissions in the corporate action for the oppressed.
- Men : We acknowledge our selfishness and narrowness of spirit and our exploitation of others.

#### People:



- Leader : We acknowledge our prophetic voices as church leaders in Asia, still we do not seem to provide much witness for the sake of justice, truth, peace and freedom of life for Christians and other communities in Asia.
- All : We need cleansing, forgiveness, humility of spirit, new life, true community and real joy in dealing with our Christian witness and mission in Asian context.

People:



O LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND GUIDANCE FOR NEW LIFE

Leader : "Blessed are they whose iniquities have been forgiven and whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man of whose sin the Lord will take no account."

(Rom. 4:7-8)

## SOUND OF GONG

Gong is sounded loud three times as a symbol of the forgiveness of sins and the life of the people is renewed by the power and love of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

Leader : "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old is gone: lo, the new has come."

(2 Cor. 5:17)

All : Having the gift of new life, we can join hands and walk together in the truth and light of Christ, toward a better future for the mission and witness of our churches in Asia.

HYMN



LET ALL THE NATIONS GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD *LACR#1* 

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## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

#### RESPONSE



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## Leader : By the power of God's Word, we are led to walk together in the truth and light.For once we were darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. As children of light, let us learn what is pleasing to God.

SERMON

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

All : We believe in one God, Author of life, Creator of the universe.
We believe in the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came into the world to seek the lost and to redeem the whole creation.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life,

(Stand in body and in spirit)

who leads us all to the truth, renewing us
and enabling us to grow in the likeness of Christ.
We affirm that the church and all its members,
especially the young have a mission for today:
to proclaim the Good News,
and to work with those who struggle to see justice and freedom
won by the people in our communities.
We affirm the dignity of all who live in the world, and
the basic right of every human being to develop as a child of God,
for whom Christ has given himself in love.
We hope in Jesus Christ, the bearer of truth, whose purposes are
fulfilled through God's people.

(Adapted from CCA, Worship Resources: Extra Ordinary General Assembly, 10th General Assembly, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1995)

#### SILENCE

#### <u>(Please be seated)</u>

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L-1 : Sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, for the goodness, mercy and truthfulness of God, let us pray for the sufferings of the people.

People:



#### O GOD OF TRUTH

Words and Music: Christian Izaac Tamaela [stanza 1]



L-2 : God is calling us to be a people of witness. Let us pray to God to give us Light to illumine our journey ahead.

## People:



O GOD OF TRUTH [stanza 2]

L-3 : We pray for the leaders of the nations, give them strength, wisdom, responsibility, and faithfulness, that they may defend justice, peace and unity.

People:



O GOD OF TRUTH [stanza 3]

L-1 : Through the grace of your Spirit, guide us to fulfill your mission as prophetic accompaniment, as affirming the servanthood, as proclaiming the kingdom values, and as embodying the spirituality of the cross.

People:



O GOD OF TRUTH [stanza 4]

L-2 : Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear, and binds us together in unity. Come to the brokenness of our lives and heal our land with your love.

People:



O GOD OF TRUTH [stanza 5]

L-3 : For those who suffer oppression, violence, poverty, natural disasters, and war hazards, let us invoke the power of the

Deliverer. O God, bless this and all nations with all peoples, religions and cultures, and give them a new hope every day.

People:



O GOD OF TRUTH [stanza 6]

- All : Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children.
   Bless the diamond jubilee of the Christian Conference of Asia.
   By the guidance of your Holy Spirit, help the churches in Asia to grow and carry out its mission in the future.
- Leader : We conclude our prayers by the prayer that your Son Jesus Christ has taught us

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(in the mother tongue)

## **CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### OFFERING

(After the collection, the offerings are brought to the altar, led by dancers, accompanied by drum and gong.)

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- Leader : O Lord of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for these fruits of the earth and our human labor. Accept our gifts of thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.
- People: Unite us your Churches from all corners of the earth at your Holy Table.

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

- Leader : Lord Jesus Christ, you said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." Look not on our weakness, but on the faith of your church, and grant us your peace, for you live and reign forever and ever..
- People: Amen.

Leader : The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.** 

[All exchange the peace]

(Adapted from Worshipping Ecumenically, WCC)

HYMN



LORD OF LIFE STB #267

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## PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

- Leader : We come to celebrate life as the people of resurrection.
- People : We are those who affirm that within the life of grace, there is renewal of life in Jesus Christ.
- Leader : Let us prepare our hearts and minds to enter into fellowship with Christ and with our neighbors in this Holy Communion.

## SILENCE

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

- Leader : The Lord be with you
- People: And also with you.
- Leader : Lift up your hearts.
- People: We lift them to the Lord.
- Leader : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- Leader : Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, to offer you our thanksgiving O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God.

Through your living Word you created all things,

and pronounced them good.

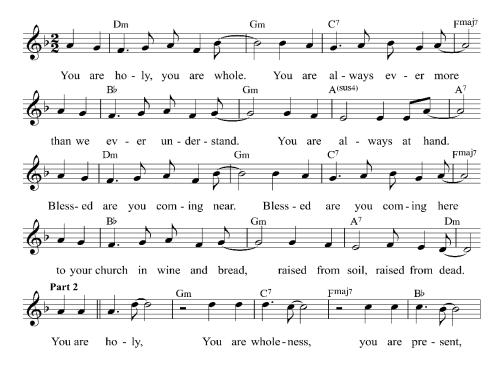
You made human beings in your own image,

to share your life and reflect your glory.

When the time had fully come, you gave Christ to us as the Way, the Truth and the Life. He accepted baptism and consecration as your Servant to announce the good news to the poor. We give you thanks because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations, and to serve you as royal priesthood. So, with the angels and all the saints, we proclaim and sing your glory.



SANCTUS Per Harling (Sweden); Samba





First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2.

#### Leader : 0 God, Lord of the universe,

you are holy and your glory is beyond measure. We are grateful that Christ bequeathed to us the Eucharist, that we should celebrate the memorial of the cross and resurrection, and receive his presence as food. May this Creator Spirit accomplish the words of your beloved Son, who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for remembrance of me. After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for remembrance of me.

#### RESPONSE

O HOLY SPIRIT, COME THUMA MINA, International Ecumenical Hymn Book



Text und Melodie: Milos Vesin, Serbien. 2: Dieter Trautwein, 3: Joan A. Gattinioni. bei den Autoron. 
 2: Strube, München

#### Leader : Gracious God,

We celebrate today the memorial of our redemption: We recall the birth and life of your Son among us, his death and descent to the abode of the dead. We proclaim Christ's resurrection and ascension in glory, where as our Great High Priest he ever intercedes for all people; and we look for his coming at the last.

#### People: Maranatha, the Lord Comes!

Leader : Behold, Lord, this Eucharist which you yourself gave to the church, and graciously receive it, as you accept the offering of your Son whereby we are reinstated in your covenant. As we partake of Christ's body and blood, fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may be one single body and one single spirit in Christ, a living sacrifice to the praise of your glory.

#### RESPONSE



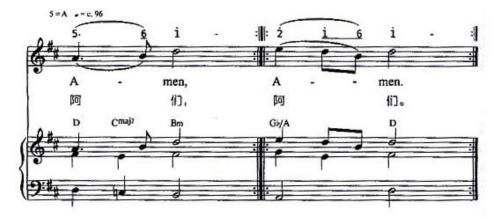
O HOLY SPIRIT, COME

Leader : Remember Loving God, your one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, redeemed by the blood of Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember, all the servants of your church Bishops, presbyters, deacons, and all to whom you have given special gifts of ministry. Remember also all our sisters and brothers who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone, guide them to the joyful feast prepare for all peoples in your presence, with the blessed Virgin Mary, with the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and martyrs, and all the saints for whom your friendship was life. With all these we sing your praise and await the happiness of your kingdom where with the whole creation, finally delivered from sin and death, we shall be enabled to glorify you through Christ our Lord.

#### People: Maranatha, the Lord comes!

Leader : Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours. Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever.





#### Performance suggestions:

This "Amen" is to be sung at the communion after the pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: "All honour and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever." The repeated sections are to be sung first by the Leader, and then by All. Alternatively, all can sing together without any repeat; or, the Leader sings the first Amen, All respond with the 2nd Amen, without any repeats.

#### **CALL TO COMMUNION**

Leader : Come everyone, sisters and brothers, come and join together at this sacred table which belongs to Jesus our Lord.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION

Leader : Jesus says:

"This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

Let us eat in remembrance of Christ.

(Pass out the traditional sticky rice from Myanmar)

Leader : "This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me." (Pass out the traditional juice from Myanmar)

#### HYMN

(While worshippers are taking communion, the following songs are sung)



KAY LAKING HIGAWA STB #82

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GATHERING ROUND THE TABLE OF THE LORD *STB #83* 

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## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Leader : In peace let us pray to the Lord. We give thanks to God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, that we are one in our Lord Jesus Christ through this our communion together.

### People: We thank you, O God.

- Leader : We give you thanks for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and for filling us with joy in the Eucharist.
- People: We thank you, O God.
- Leader : We give thanks to you, God of all Ages who called the Christian Conference of Asia into being: we have gathered to consider who we are as the church in Asia today; to enjoy our life and journeying together; to honor this enjoyable occasion of shared witness.
- People: We thank you, O God.
- All : In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### WORDS OF APPRECIATION

THE SENDING FORTH

<u>(Stand in body and in spirit)</u>

#### THEME SONG



## JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH JESUS CHRIST

Leader : Sisters and brothers, now is the time, we will all end this joyous celebration in this country of Myanmar. All of us will be sent by God as witnesses in the reality of challenges in Asia.
We have been journeying together on the mission of the Christian Conference of Asia from 1957 to the Diamond Jubilee (60 years) towards the future mission of churches in Asia that is still full of unknown challenges.

People: We will all go in the truth and light of Christ in order to be a blessing to peoples around us.We will go in peace to be the church through all that we do in the mission of our churches in Asia.

#### **CLOSING HYMN – THEME SONG**



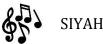
FOLLOW CHRIST WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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#### BLESSING

Leader : The Spirit of truth and light, lead us all into the world, give us grace to proclaim the Word and work of God in Jesus Christ, and may the blessing from the triune God go with us on our journey, now and forever.

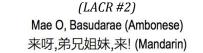
People: Amen.



SIYAHAMBA

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#### COME, O COME, SISTERS, BROTHERS, COME









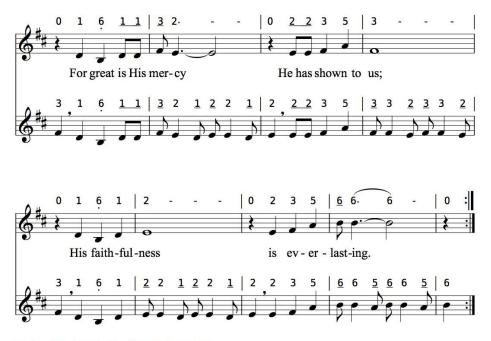




\*In Central Moluccas, "e-lo" means "amen," true, right or yes.

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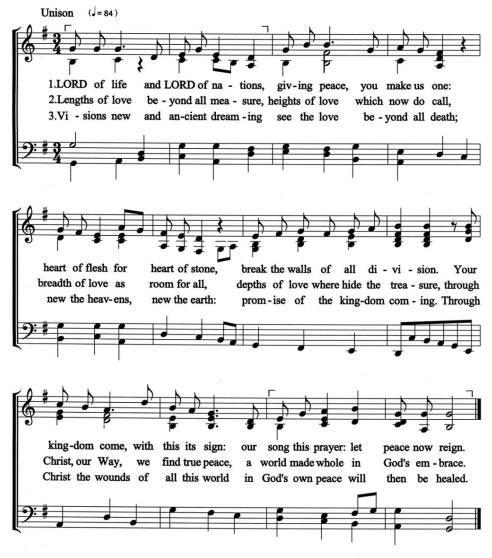




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## LORD OF LIFE





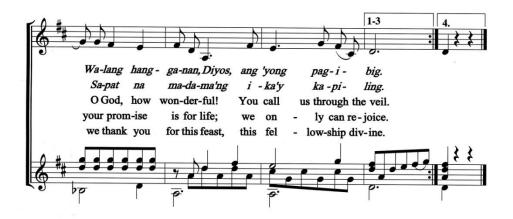
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Ephesians 2:14; Revelation 21:1-4



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- 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.

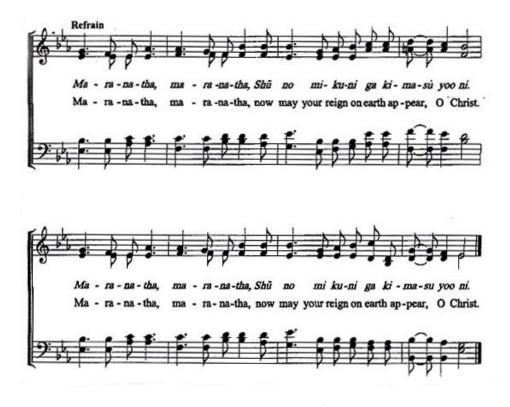
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I Corinthians 1:9

#### GATHERING ROUND THE TABLE OF THE LORD

STB #83





3. Shū no yobi kake ni kotae Shū no mi kotoba ni shitagai Ai no ibuki ni mita sa re Shū ni atte warera wa ayumu.

 Words:
 Aragaki Toshitsugu; Japan; para. Kathleen Moody

 Music:
 MARANATA; Aragaki Toshitsugu, Japan

1 Corinthians 11:26-27

#### JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH JESUS CHRIST



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#### FOLLOW CHRIST WALKING IN THE LIGHT

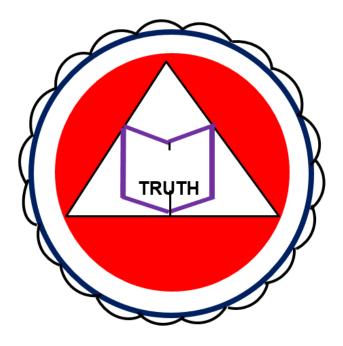


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#### SIYAHAMBA (Puji Tuhan CCA Worship Bk, p.111. South Africa, drums etc.)





## NOTE

- **The triangular** shape with its three corners is a symbol of **the Trinity** (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), "God's truth" (Rom 15: 8); Christ is the Way and the Truth (John 14: 6); The Spirit of Truth (John 14:17, 15:21).
- **The inner red circle** is the symbol of the ecumenical Asian churches, united in the blood of Christ. Symbols to remind us: to be the body of Christ among the people in Asia. The presence of AMC . The CCA in Asia must be continue to undertake the mission to promote common theological reflections in the Asian ecumenical movement.
- **The outer circle (frame)** is the symbol of the world (Asia) and its environment (society and environment). **The color of the blue circle** represents the wisdom and hope that the humans can live in peace. The

shape of a wavy circle is the symbol of various problems in the world (the suffering and struggling people in Asia).

**The word TRUTH,** in biblical symbols, can be replaced by words from the various languages of the nations in the world. For example in Indonesian: **DAMAI**, in Myanmar:**AAMHAANTARARR** 





