

Morning Prayer, Wednesday 27 June

This week in the ecumenical prayer cycle, we pray for Kenya and Tanzania

We open with the sound of a gong

We sing (1st verse in Swahili)

Wilson Niwagila: Tanzania

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho Mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji - wa - tu. Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi-
Come a - mong us, lov - ing Spir - it, touch us and make us whole. Show us glimp - ses of the

Refrain

ngu - ni. Tu - we wa - tu wa - pya. Njo - o, njo - o, njoo, Ro - ho Mwe - ma.
King - dom, use us to spread its rule. Lov - ing Spir - it, fill us with your life.

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2. Utufanye waamini Wa Yesu Mwokozi.
Tukaishi kikundini, Kanisani mwako.

3. Roho Mwema, Mfariji, Utupe hekima;
Tukiwaza na kutenda, Yote yawe yako.

4. Tudumisha, tuwe hai Na ukweli wako.
Tusivutwe na dunia, Tushu'die neema.

2. Loving Spirit, come and kindle faith in our Lord, God's Son.
Make your people in their worship and in their action one.

3. Loving Spirit, let your wisdom guide what we think and do.
Make us willing and responsive as you make all things new.

4. From the grip of fear and conflict, Spirit, your world release.
Help your people to discover things that will make for peace.

Liturgist: Ms Desri Sumbayak, The Indonesian Christian Church

Psalm 18:

God my friend,
You give me strength.

God, my shield, my help,
You watch over me.

You bring me out into a broad place
Because you delight in me.

It is you who light my lamp.
You light up my darkness.

By you, God, I can leap over a wall.
For this I will extol you in the morning and in the evening, now and always. Amen.

Scripture reading: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on

the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Meditation

Prayers

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

We thank you, God, for the night's rest, for the hours of sleep and dream.

Open our minds and hearts to all we meet today.

We are grateful for safe travel, which has brought each of us from homes and places of vocation, to be united in this community of faith and practice.

God send your Spirit to sustain us in the faithful work that is ahead of us.

We are one with each other.

Show us the people to serve and the work we are to do.

We cannot live by ourselves.

God, be near us and lift us up.

Walk with us,

Step by step, hour by hour.

We pray to God, our light and salvation, in the words Jesus taught us, each in our own language.

Our Father in heaven...

We sing (In Norwegian or English)

Norwegian: Svein Ellingsen. English Hedwig T. Durnbaugh

Trond Kverno: Norway

1. Vi rek - ker vå - re hen - der frem som tom - me skå - ler. Kom
1. We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like emp - ty ves - sels. Come

til oss, Gud, og gi oss liv fra kil - der u - ten - for oss selv.
to us, God, and give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.

2. Alt godt, til vårt og andres vel, er dine gaver.
I svakhet fremmer du ditt verk,
vår bare kvist skal skyte knopp!

2. What good and blessing you bestow is freely given.
Your power will make the weakest strong and barren branches start to bud.

3. Vi løfter våre hender opp i bønn for verden.
La dem som lider, finne vern mot kalde hjerters is og sne!

3. We lift our hands to you, O God, our world upholding.
Let those who suffer shelter find from human hearts of ice and snow.

4. La våre hendens nakne tre få blomst og blader.
La våre liv få bære frukt til legedom for andres sår!

4. O make our barren trees to grow our hands to blossom,
and let our lives bring forth such fruit
that heals our neighbour's grief and pain.

5. Vi venter, etter smertens vår, din nådes sommer.
Og sorg og glede blir til verkt med frukt vi ikke selv kan se.

5. As summer follows springtime's rain, so grace to sorrow
and grief and joy shall bear much fruit, though hidden from our human eyes.

6. Din nådes skaperverk skal skje i tomme hender.
O Gud, all godhets giver: Kom, ta bolig i vår fattigdom!

6. Through grace your new creation lies in open, empty hands.
God, giver of all goodness, come, dwell with us in our earthly home!

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Gracious God, we thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You kept us safe from all evil and danger last night. Save us, we pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all we do and the way that we live will please you. We put ourselves in your care, body and soul and all that we have. Let Your holy Angels be with us, so that the evil one will not gain power over us. Amen.

Benediction

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!
Thanks be to God!