Morning Prayer and Bible Study Monday 17 June

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This week in the ecumenical prayer cycle, we pray for Malawi and Zambia...

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Opening

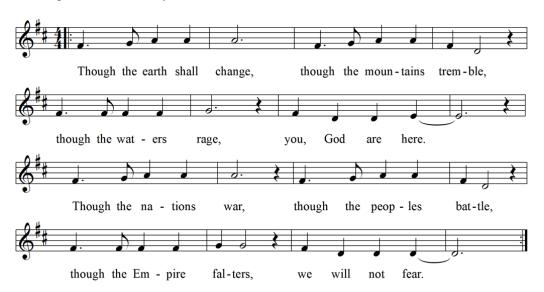
We open with song..."Das Licht Christi ist in die Welt gekommen"

We begin in the name of the Triune God. **Amen!** Let us sing Psalm 46

Psalmody

Psalm 46

Cantor sings first, then assembly



Text: based on Psalm 46, Rolf Vegdahl and Tom Witt. Tune: Tom Witt

Our sure defense,
Our shelter and help in trouble,
God never stands far off.
So we stand unshaken
when solid earth cracks
and volcanoes slide into the
sea, when breakers rage
and mountains tremble in the
swell. The Lord of cosmic
power, Jacob's God,
will shield us.

A river delights the city of God, Home of the Holy One Most High. With God there, the city stands; God defends it under attack. Nations rage, empires fall. God speaks, earth melts. The Lord of cosmic power, Jacob's God, will shield us.

Refrain

Come! See the wonders
God does across the earth:
Everywhere stopping wars,
Smashing, crushing, burning
All the weapons of war.
An end to your fighting!
Be still and know that I am
God. High over nations, high
over earth. The Lord of cosmic
power, Jacob's God,
will shield us.

Refrain Refrain

Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 28:23-29)

Listen, and hear my voice; Pay attention, and hear my speech. Do those who plow for sowing plow continually? Do they continually open and harrow their ground? When they have leveled its surface, do they not scatter dill, sow cummin, and plant wheat in rows and barley in its proper place, and spelt as the border? For they are well instructed; their God teaches them. Dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge, nor is a cart wheel rolled over cummin; but dill is beaten out with a stick, and cummin with a rod. Grain is crushed for bread, but one does not thresh it forever; one drives the cart wheel and horses over it, but does not pulverize it. This also comes from the Lord of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

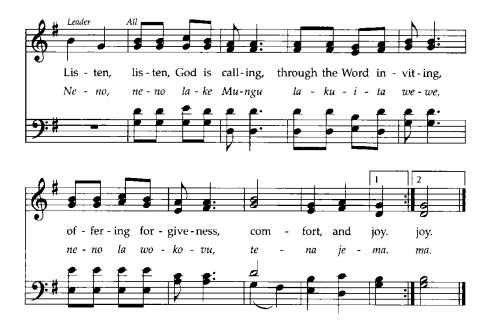
Word of God! Word of life!

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: Bible study followed by discussion

Leader. Pröpstin Astrid Kleist

We sing as we gather together for prayer...



Prayer

Intercessions

Our Lord Jesus wonderful in counsel, excellent in wisdom, source of healing sent the disciples to continue his work of healing with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, we now entrust to God our world and one another...

Loving God, our source and final home, thanks be to you for the gift of life, for our human bodies and for all things you have created. In your great mercy, hear us, O God.

Compassionate God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Grant health to all those who are sick. Give hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Almighty God, drive away suffering, give wisdom and firm hope, and strengthen our trust in you. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers especially those we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts... In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection. In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

You are God whose promises never cease.

You are God whose presence never fails.

Amen.

Amen.

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.

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

Our Father in heaven...

Closing Song:



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pray,

Blessing

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O Lord, we

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7) **Amen.**

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