

Day 2 – “Reconciliation and ... MEMORY”

Resources for the service:

- a small table or stand covered with a white cloth
- the fragments of the flower pot smashed during the previous service on “Truth”
- a transparent bowl

In preparation:

- broken pieces of the flower pot are spread on the ground, close to the altar;
- the bowl is placed on the small table or stand, next to the altar.

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Musical preparation

Silence

(stand)

Greeting

Leader: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

All: And my mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: And put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,

All: And do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

All: And sustain in me a willing spirit.

Song: O God, our help in ages past (verses 1, 5 and 6 in English)

Isaac Watts
Psalm 89

William Croft, United Kingdom

1. O, God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to
 1. Gott, Zu - flucht der Ver - gan - gen heit, der Zu - kunft Hoff - nungs -
 1. O Dieu, se - cours des temps an - ciens, es - poir des temps nou -
 1. Nues - tra es - pe - ran - za y pro - tec - ción y nues - tro e - ter - no ho -

come, our shel - ter from the stor - my blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 schein, ein fe - ster Schutz im Sturm der Zeit, du willst uns Hei - mat sein.
 veaux, com - bats pour nous le mal qui vient, sois l'Arche et le re - pos.
 gar has si - do, e - res y se - rás tan só - lo tú, Se - ñor.

2. Under the shadow of your throne
 your saints have dwelt secure;
 sufficient is your arm alone,
 and our defense is sure.

2. Wenn deines Thrones Schatten fällt,
 auf unsres Weges Not,
 und wenn dein Arm uns trägt und hält,
 ist nichts, was uns bedroht.

2. En ton amour, comme des fous,
 les saints se sont jetés;
 ce même amour, saignant pour tous,
 est notre vérité.

3. Before the hills in order stood
 or earth received its frame,
 from everlasting you are God,
 to endless years the same.

3. Bevor der Berge Ordnung stand,
 die Erde Form gewann,
 das Weltall ward, war deine Hand,
 dein Sein, das nie begann.

3. Avant le ciel, avant le feu,
 avant la terre et l'eau,
 le mouvement se nommait Dieu,
 Dieu la vie, Dieu le mot.

4. A thousand ages in your sight
 are like an evening gone,
 short as the watch that ends the night
 before the rising sun.

4. Du bleibst, und ein Jahrtausend gleicht
 vor dir dem Tag, der war,
 der Nacht, die bald der Sonne weicht.
 Du, Herr, bist immerdar!

4. L'espace où s'évanouit le temps
 nous mène à notre fin.
 Mais tu nous tiens hors du néant,
 dans l'éternel matin.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6. Gott, Zuflucht der Vergangenheit,
 der Zukunft Hoffnungsschein,
 du wolltest bis in Ewigkeit
 uns Burg und Heimat sein!
 (Theodor Werner)

6. O Dieu, secours des temps anciens,
 espoir des temps nouveaux,
 combats pour nous le mal qui vient,
 sois l'Arche et le repos.
 (G. de Lioncourt)

6. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

2. Aún no habías la creación
 formado con bondad
 más desde la eternidad
 tú eras sólo Dios.

3. Delante de tus ojos son
 mil años, al pasar
 tan sólo un día que fugaz
 fenece con el sol.

4. El tiempo corre arrollador
 como impetuoso mar;
 y así, cual sueño ves pasar
 cada generación.

6. Nuestra esperanza y protección
 y nuestro eterno hogar,
 en la tormenta o en la paz,
 sé siempre tú, Señor.
 (F. J. Pagura)

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(sit)

Psalm 105

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
 make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
 tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: Glory in his holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: **Seek the Lord and his strength;
 seek his presence continually.**

L: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

All: *O offspring of his servant Abraham,*
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.*

L: He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

(stand)

Song: The right hand of God (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Patrick Prescod, Jamaica

Noel Dexter: Jamaica

1. The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land,
2. The right hand of God is strik - ing in our land,
3. The right hand of God is lift - ing in our land,
4. The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land,

writ - ing with pow - er and with love.
striking out at en - vy, hate and greed.
lift - ing the fal - len one by one.
healing bro - ken bo - dies, minds and souls.

Our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our tears
Our self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un - just
Each one is known by name, and res - cued now from shame
So won - drous is its touch with love that means so much,

are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
are de - stroy - ed by the right hand of God.
by the lift - ing of the right hand of God.
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

1. La mano de Dios en nuestro mundo está, actuando con gracia y con poder; la iglesia puede ver el gran acontecer de la poderosa mano de Dios.

2. La mano de Dios en nuestro mundo está, derriba estructuras de opresión. Será la destrucción de toda explotación por la poderosa mano de Dios.

3. La mano de Dios en nuestro mundo está, creando una nueva sociedad, con paz, con hermandad, justicia y libertad, por la poderosa mano de Dios.

4. La mano de Dios en nuestro mundo está mostrando su modo de vivir: Servir, también sufrir, por otros aun morir, sostenidos por la poderosa mano de Dios.

1. C'est la main de Dieu qui écrit sur la terre, avec force et avec bonté, nos conflits et nos peurs, nos succès, nos malheurs, tout est noté par la droite de Dieu.

2. C'est la main de Dieu qui efface de la terre la haine et la méchanceté, orgueil et convoitise, injustice et bêtise, tout est détruit par la droite de Dieu.

3. C'est la main de Dieu qui relève sur terre un par un ceux qui sont tombés. Chacun est reconnu, personne n'est perdu, tout est sauvé par la droite de Dieu.

4. C'est la main de Dieu qui soigne sur la terre les corps et les esprits brisés. Dieu aime les humains, il les prend par la main, tout est guéri par la droite de Dieu.

1. Die rechte Hand Gottes schreibt in unser Land schreibt sich mit Kraft und Liebe ein, wo Streit herrscht und die Angst, in Freude und in Leid schreibt sich Gottes rechte Hand bei uns ein.

2. Die rechte Hand Gottes streicht in unsrem Land, streicht aus den Neid, den Haß, die Gier, die Selbstsucht, böse Lust, wo Stolz und Unrecht sind streicht sie Gottes rechte Hand bei uns aus.

3. Die rechte Hand Gottes hebt in unsrem Land, hebt den, der hinfiel, Mensch um Mensch, kennt unsre Namen auch, von Schande rettet er, hebt mit seiner rechten Hand selbst uns auf.

4. Die rechte Hand Gottes heilt in unsrem Land, heilt, was zerbrach an Leib und Seel', berührt uns wundersam, und Liebe macht uns reich, denn mit seiner rechten Hand heilt uns Gott.

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Bible Reading – Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

(sit)

Meditation

Song: Jesus, remember me (*sung three times*)

Jacques Berthier: France

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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(After each phrase of remembrance and the subsequent answer by all, the leader takes up pieces of the broken pot from the ground and puts them into the transparent bowl.)

Litany of Remembrance

L: "And remember, I am with you each and every day until the end of the age."

(Mat. 28:22)

We will remember the soothing, *)

All: and not forget the jarring.

(Here, the leader collects some pieces of the broken pot and puts them into the bowl.)

L: We will remember the sweetness,

All: and not forget the sour.

(More pieces are collected and put in the bowl.)

L: We will remember the jagged desperateness of Judas,

All: and own it: It is our story too.

(All the remaining pieces are collected and placed in the bowl.)

L: We will remember

**All: the passion of love,
the smell of perfume,
the pain of rejection,
the stench of blood money.**

L: And to help us on the journey,
to help us hold the tensions,
to help us face both the delight and the difficulty,

All: *we will say yes
to God's generosity in creation,
we will say yes
to God's judgment poured out on humankind,
we will say yes
to God's justice in Jesus.*

**) We will remember the soothing*

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Intercessions

Sung Response: *Mayenziwe* (*Your will be done*)

South Africa

Not too quickly

* Ma - ye (Ma - ye) - nzi we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye (Ma - ye) - nzi we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.

* Your will be done on earth. (not singable)

L 1: Our God, we greet you with joy, your children, the work of your hand.
We praise your greatness, we celebrate your goodness,
we welcome the good news of your love.

L 2: We pray for the coming of your kingdom.
Set us free from fear and darkness,
heal our brokenness, and reveal the lasting peace that is the heart of your creation.
For all this we pray.

Sung Response: *Mayenziwe*

L 1: Give us the wisdom to seek your will,
especially when we are hurting and confused, misled and misdirected,
or trapped by our emotions.

L 2: We thank you for your daily gifts, which we so often take for granted:
the food that nourishes our bodies,

the experiences that nourish our minds,
the love that nourishes our spirits,
the faith that sustains us,
the friends who comfort us,
and the beauty of the world that brightens our day.
For all this we pray.

Sung Response: Mayenziwe

L 1: Help us to forgive each other as you forgive us.
We acknowledge our sins and we rejoice in the power of repentance.
You wash away anger; you cleanse our hearts;
you refresh our spirits; you awaken us from grief and silence into song.

L 2: Give us courage and strength, God.
Make us bold so we may reach out to others who need healing.
Help us to build bridges rather than walls among your children throughout this world.
For all this we pray.

(www.ccky.org; adapted)

Sung Response: Mayenziwe

(stand)

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

L: But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you all things
and remind you
of everything that I have told you.

(John 14:26)

***All: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us
and have mercy on us.
Amen.***