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Welcome and Prayer for the Evening

Neil Hough

Our heavenly Father,
we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.
We adore you, whose name is love,
whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,
whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness,
whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,
whose service is perfect freedom,
and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.
Unto you be all honor and all glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Si'beg Si'more

O'Carolan

Call to Worship

Taehwan Roh

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit to fill our very being.
As we worship today,
we remember our brothers and sisters
who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world.
Inspire each of us to work more faithfully
for justice and dignity of life everywhere.

Raise our vision above the barriers
of color, culture, and creed that separate us.
Give us wisdom as we deal with one another.
Help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.
In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve,
we now must walk in the world.
We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love.
Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Taehwan Roh

Creator God, breathing your own life into our being,
you gave us the gift of life.
You placed us on this earth with its minerals and waters,
flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty.
You gave us the care of the earth.
Today you call us: "Where are you; what have you done?"

Silent prayer for creation.

We hide in utter shame, for we are naked.
We violate the earth and plunder it.
We refuse to share the earth's resources.
We seek to own what is not ours, but yours.
Forgive us, Creator God, and reconcile us to your creation.
O God of Love, you gave us the gift of peoples—

of cultures, races, and colors—
to love, to care for, to share our lives with.
Today you ask us: “Where is your brother, your sister?”

Silent prayer for others.

We hide ourselves in shame and fear.
Poverty, hunger, hatred, and war rule the earth.
The refugees, the oppressed, and the voiceless cry out to you.
Forgive us, O God of Love,
and reconcile us to yourself and to one another.
Teach us, O Creator God of Love,
that the earth and all its fullness is yours,
the world and those who dwell in it.
Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life. Amen.

Musical Response	<i>Somos Del Señor</i>	Trad. Spanish
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Scripture Reading	Revelation 7:9-12	Neil Hough
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After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Music for Meditation	<i>Hasta Tu Altar</i>	Tad. Spanish
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Message	<i>This is the Kingdom of God</i>	Neil Hough
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Music for Reflection

Reading	<i>Psalm 96</i>	Taehwan Roh
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O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.
praise and thanks to you, the Source.

Blessing

Neil Hough

Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears us.
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.

Postlude

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Trad. Caribbean

Scripture quotations taken from The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.
Prayers and readings are adapted from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*.

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