

CLOSING WORSHIP
2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Eastern-Washington Idaho Synod

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Closing Worship 2019 Synod Assembly

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We gather this morning for worship and to be sent out for mission in the world, again using the form of Word and Meal. We invite you to participate with us as you are able in spoken word, song, and action as we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We ask you to silence all devices that might distract the community from worship, including cell-phones.

This worship service continues to reflect our global missions assembly theme using music and language from around the world. Again, some hymns have words in both English and another language; we invite you to sing whatever is most familiar to you. However, recognizing that we live in a digital age, you may take pictures. If taking photos, please do not distract from the act of worship for others.

We welcome two partners in ministry from companion synods to the EWAID synod: The Rev. Paul Erickson, who serves as Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, our domestic companion synod; and The Rev. Moses Nwaka, who serves as a member of staff to The Rev. Renard Mtenji, Bishop of the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of Tanzania, our international companion church.

+++Gathering+++

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

A reading from Isaiah: Ho, Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price! (Isaiah 55:1)

A reading from Romans: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

And a reading from Hebrews: Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:22-23)

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. Rooted in the assurance of this promise, we bring our brokenness and guilt before our Creator and wait for Christ's word of forgiveness in return.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus + Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live
in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Thula Thula”

Swaziland

Thu - la thu-la u - la - le - le. Thu - la, thu-la
Thu-la u - la - le - le.
u - la - le - le. Thu la
Thu la
u - la - le - le, u - la - le - le,
la, thu - la u - la - le - Thu - la
Thu - la u - la - le - le. - le.

Translation: Listen!

Words and music: Swaziland traditional, transcription by John L. Bell.
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

si - ya - tha - nda - za, si - ya - ni - ke - la, si -
 Al - ways we pray, al - ways we give, al -

- ya - du - mi - sa thi - na, si -
 - ways we bless, al - ways. Al -

- ya - tha - nda - za, si - ya - ni - ke - la, si -
 - ways we pray, al - ways we give, al -

- ya - du - mi - sa thi - na, *D.C.*
 - ways we bless, al - ways.

Always, we pray and do all kinds of chores and activities as the Lord leads us. Jesus is the leader who never fails. The Lord will always try to do his best for his sheep.

+++Word+++

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 172

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Caribbean

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some rests in the piano part, particularly in the second system where the bass line has a longer rest.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Gospel John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

“For Everyone Born”

New Zealand

Cantor: 1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 Cantor: 2. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 All: 3. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 All: 5. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble

for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 the u - ser, the used, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
 the hands of a child, in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver -
 for young and for old, the right to be -
 for just and un - just, a new way to be
 for eve - ry - one born, the right to be

Refrain

head. And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 long. live. free.

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre -
 a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy..

4. For wo-man and man, a place at the table,
 revisiting the roles, deciding the share,
 with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
 for woman and man, a system that's fair,

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 Tune: Brian Mann
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During the singing of the Hymn of the Day, we invite newly-elected members of the EWAID Synod Council forward to be installed.

After the hymn is over, the assembly is seated.

Installation of Synod Council Members

A reading from Romans: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

[names], will you assume the office to which you have been elected, and will you endeavor to carry out its duties faithfully, to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the one holy church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The leader addresses the assembly.

People of God, speaking on behalf of the entire church, will you support and pray for your Synod Council in this work?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The leader addresses those being installed.

The position of Synod Council member is committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, you call your people to service and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church. Grant [names] grace and strength, that they may serve you faithfully to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The leader addresses the newly installed.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus + Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

The assembly stands.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prayed. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with the commendation:
Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+++Meal+++

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us share that peace with one another.

*We greet one another with the peace of the risen Christ, saying
"peace be with you" or other similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. The table is set. Music is offered in praise to God.

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a tí, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir.* Estrillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estrillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor.* Estrillo

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you,

using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

As an expression of our global missions assembly theme, the Words of Institution will come to us in Kiswahili, the language of our international companion synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of Tanzania. The word of Christ that come to us today are:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As a reflection of our global mission assembly theme, we invite you to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

+++ENGLISH+++

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily
bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,**

+++ESPAÑOL+++

**Padre nuestro que estás en los
cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día,
dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la
tentación;
mas libranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el
reino, el poder y la
gloria
por los siglos de los
siglos. Amén.**



**Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni,
Jina lako litukuzwe;
Ufalme wako uje
Mapenzi yako yatimizwe
Duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila
siku,
Utusamehe makosa yetu,
Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe
wadeni wetu.
Na usitutie majaribuni
Lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu
Kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako, na
nguvu,
na utukufu, hata milele. Amina.**

أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
لِيُقَدِّسَ اسْمُكَ.
لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ،
لِتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا السَّمَاءِ.
ارزُقْنَا خُبْرًا كَفَافَ يَوْمِنَا،
وَاعْفُ عَنَّا خَطَايَانَا،
فَإِنَّا نَعْفُو عَمَّنْ يُخْطِئُونَ بِحَقِّنَا.
لَا تُعْرِضْنَا لِلْغَوَايَةِ،
بَلْ نَحْنَا مِنَ الشَّرِيرِينَ.
فَلَاكَ الْمَلَكُوتُ وَالْجَبْرُوتُ وَالْمَجْدُ أَبَدًا.

Lamb of God

ELW 341

“Now Behold the Lamb”

United States



1	Now	be - hold	the Lamb,	the pre - cious	Lamb	of God,	who
2	Ho - ly	is	the Lamb,	the pre - cious	Lamb	of God.	Why
3	Thank you	for	the Lamb,	the pre - cious	Lamb	of God.	Be -



bore	all my sin,	that I may	live a - gain:	the pre - cious	Lamb	of God.
you	love me so,	Lord, I shall	nev - er know;	the pre - cious	Lamb	of God.
cause	of your grace	I can fin - ish	the race;	the pre - cious	Lamb	of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

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Communion

We welcome you to this the feast of our risen Lord. Christ is the host; we are all the guests. Several stations are located throughout the ballroom. Please proceed to the station closest to you. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available at the station closest to the baptismal font. Once you receive the bread, you may choose to drink the wine from a common cup or you may dip the bread in the wine, a practice known as intinction. After receiving, you may return to your seat.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
Amen.

+++Sending+++

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Out benediction this morning will be given by Rev. Eliud Payowela. Receive this blessing, shared by our brother in Christ, as a joyful reflection of the ways God brings God's people together in relationship across continents and oceans, to do the work of the Church together for the good of all.

Closing of a Synod Assembly

Jesus said, You will be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth.

I chose you and appointed you
to bear fruit that will last.

Remember, I will be with you always,
to the end of time.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

I declare this assembly closed
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 538 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” Central America

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The music is a simple, melodic hymn.

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Participating in the Liturgy

Presiding Minister (at the Meal)	The Rev. Moses Nwaka Staff to Bishop Renard Mtenji Ulanga Kilomero Diocese, Tanzania
Presiding Minister (at the Word)	The Rev. Kristen Kuempel Bishop, EWAID Synod
Preaching Minister	The Rev. Paul Erickson Bishop, Greater Milwaukee Synod Domestic companion synod to EWAID Synod
Reader	Mr. Ryan Lawrence Young Adult in Global Mission to the United Kingdom from the EWAID Synod
Giver of Blessing	The Rev. Eliud Payowela Staff to Bishop Renard Mtenji Ulanga Kilomero Diocese, Tanzania

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