



## **2017 ACWC DAY SERVICE LITURGY**

### *Reconciling the World into God*

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#### **PREPARATION**

- Participants : poor/rich, white/black, men/women, short/tall, children/youth, grandfather/ grandmother;
- A table will be placed in front of the pulpit. There will be a cross on the table.
- Prepare sheets of papers that have these words - Knife, spear, gun, alcohol, heroin, selfishness, pride, greed and anger - written on them and place them on the floor in front of the pulpit.
- Participants, representatives of the poor, rich, white, black, men, women, short, tall, child, youth, grandfather and grandmother should pick up the sheets of paper, and place them at the foot of the cross; This action portrays reconciliation in Christ. To surrender to God leaving all these bad habits behind.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. (Ps. 100: 1-3)

#### **RESPONSIVE READING**

A road to walk into the people (Ps. 67: 1-7)

- Leader : May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us  
Congregation : that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
- Leader : Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you!  
Congregation : Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- Leader : Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you!  
Congregation : The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- All : God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

#### **OPENING HYMN : *All Creatures of Our God and King***

1. All Creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us Sing  
Alleluia Alleluia Thou burning sun with Golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Amen

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven Along,  
O praise Him Alleluia Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice.  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Amen

3. Dear mother earth who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise Him Alleluia The flowers and fruits that in thee grow.  
Let them His glory also show  
O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Amen.

And all ye men of tender heart, For giving others take your part  
O sing ye Alleluia Ye who long pain and Sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Amen

#### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Leader : To be just, to be merciful, to humbly walk with the Lord, what more would our Lord want apart from this?

Congregation : Christ have mercy upon us.

Leader : Lord have mercy upon us. And deliver us from greed, selfishness, covertness, pride, injustice and disregard.

Congregation : Good Lord, deliver us

Leader : From the greed of money which is the root of all evils, from clinging to worldly goods, from thinking that our lives depend on our wealth;

Congregation : Good Lord, deliver us

Leader : From deceitful habits, wanting undeserved profits, from profits that are gained by means of destroying bodies and souls, from selling our souls to gain worldly riches;

Congregation : Good Lord, deliver us

Leader : From the spirit of fighting, from hatred, from denying that we are brothers sisters in Christ;

Congregation : Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader : From coveting worldly riches, from becoming a slave of this world, from mingling with bad company and from being silent when we should speak out;

Congregation : Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader : People who worry about tomorrow, unemployed people, people who are hopeless;

Congregation : Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader : People who know the freedom that God can give; taste the glory of God; send someone to save the poor, the heavy laden and people who have to work under unjust employers;

Congregation : Good Lord, hear our cry and have mercy on us.

Leader : Guide, protect and educate those who work diligently;

Congregation : Good Lord, hear our cry and have mercy on us.

Leader : Guide the government to rule the country with wisdom. Bless the medical doctors, nurses and people who show mercy to the needy. Enlighten all educators and mentors of various academic fields. Bless the motivators who have positive influence on others. Bless the breadwinners and the ones who care for children.

Congregation : Good Lord, hear our cry and have mercy on us.

Leader : Speed the time when there will be more people who care for those who look after the well-being of others, more honest business men who create things with their hands making others happy, and more people who serve each other making people's lives more comfortable and well off.

**SONG** : *Come, O Come, Let Us Praise Yahweh God*  
(Burmese: Lajakle, Taura P'ya)

1. Come, O come Let us praise Yah weh God, O  
Praise the love of Yah weh sovereign God,  
Praise the love of Yah weh sovereign God.  
La-jak – Le Tau-ra P'ya, Tau-ra P'ya  
Me-ta-daw ko-chi-mon soh-le  
Me-ta-daw ko-chi-mon soh-le

2. Come, O come Let us praise Christ our King, O  
Praise the grace of Christ, the Prince of Peace  
Praise the grace of Christ the prince of peace.  
La-jak – Le Tau-ra P'ya, Tau-ra P'ya  
Me-ta-daw ko-chi-mon soh-le  
Me-ta-daw ko-chi-mon soh-le

3. Come, O come Let us praise Spirit God, the  
Fellowship of Holy Spirit God,  
Fellowship of Holy Sprit God,  
La-jak – Le Tau-ra P'ya, Tau-ra P'ya  
Me-ta-daw ko-chi-mon soh-le  
Me-ta-daw ko-chi-mon soh-le

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Leader : Eternal Lord of Peace who saves us from our sins and grants us grace, we humbly beseech you to accept us when we come before you.

Congregation : Have mercy on us, Lord.

Leader : We have followed after our desires, greed and pride, forgetting you and your

statues.

Congregation : Have mercy on us, Lord.

Leader : We have committed adultery, have fought among ourselves, hindered the success of others and created bad feelings between people, unforgiving and injustice.

Congregation : Have mercy on us, Lord.

Leader : We often take delight when others are in trouble, when people's businesses are destroyed, giving preference to the well-being of our own race while ignoring the well-being of others, not respecting others' culture, religion, language and belittling others.

Congregation : Have mercy on us, Lord.

Leader : We have failed to help orphans, widows, victims of natural disaster, and people who are in various needs. Forgive us for these sins.

Congregation : Have mercy on us, Lord.

Leader : We ask for your forgiveness for being content with our own security while forgetting to help those who are in need of security more than us.

Congregation : Have mercy on us, Lord.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** : II Corinthians 5: 16-19; Ephesians 4:32, 2: 14-16 ; Colossians 1: 20;  
Roman 5: 10-11

### **Sermon Outline**

Reconciling the World into God

Introduction

R - eunion	to realize our weaknesses and differences and unite ourselves with God
E - mpowerment	to bring out our inner strength and enthusiasm through Christ
C - oncern/care	to break down the barriers that are preventing peace and follow the examples Christ showed in Eph 2: 1, 4-16
O - obey	and obey his word
N - ew challenge	to challenge by following Christ's example and forgive each other's sin
C - ommitment	to suppress our flesh and make fellowship spiritually and serve the Lord
I - nter relationship	we receive fellowship through Christ (Ps. 5:10)
L - love	(Grace) to love through the fellowship with Christ (Ps. 5:0-11)
E - ncounter	let us love in the hope of entering into the Kingdom of God through Christ (Ps. 5: 10-11)

Women's Perspective

Women are the ones who took the initiative and stood for peace. They were not opportunists. For example, Ruth. Although she was a gentile, because of her obedience and exemplary life she is named in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Hence, women were not opportunists but were the leaders of peace building and reconciliation.

The Samaritan Woman

Although she was isolated, she had a chance to drink water from the living fountain with Christ at Jacob's well. Because of her, a dawn of reconciliation between Jews and Samaritans comes to existence.

**PRAYER FOR PARTNER COUNTRY:**

**CLOSING HYMN :** *Near to the Heart of God*

There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God,  
O Jesus blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the Heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

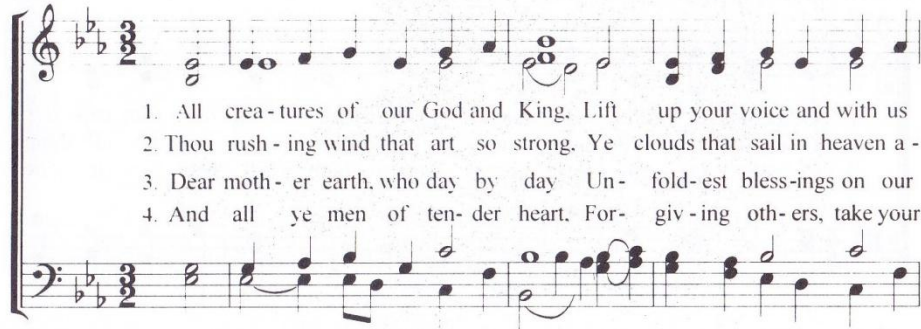
There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God,  
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God,  
O Jesus blest redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

**BENEDICTION**

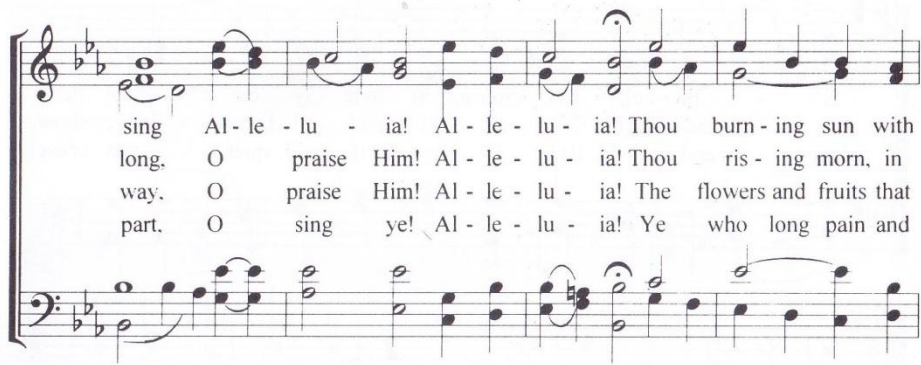
# All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi

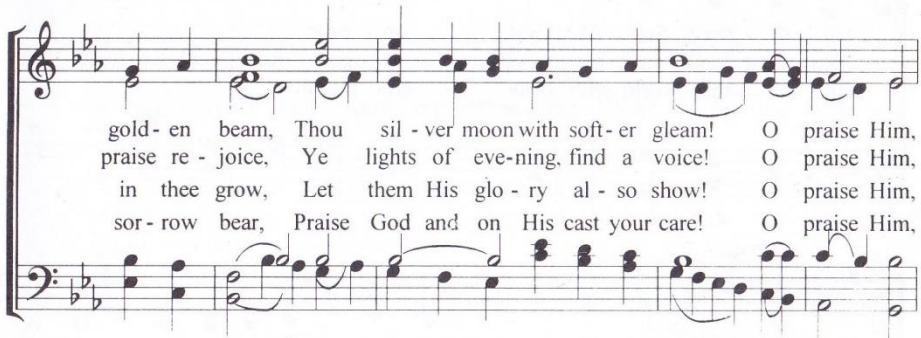
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1. All crea-tures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in heaven a -  
 3. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-fold-est bless-ings on our  
 4. And all ye men of ten-der heart. For-giv-ing oth-ers, take your



sing Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with  
 long. O praise Him! Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in  
 way. O praise Him! Al-le-lu-ia! The flowers and fruits that  
 part. O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and



gold-en beam, Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam! O praise Him,  
 praise re-joice. Ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice! O praise Him,  
 in thee grow, Let them His glo-ry al-so show! O praise Him,  
 sor-row bear, Praise God and on His cast your care! O praise Him,



O praise Him! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

# Come, O Come, Let Us Praise Yahweh God

(Burmese: Lajakle, Taura P'ya)

Karen Traditional

Saw Gideon Tun Shwe



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|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Come, O come,  | Let us praise | Yah - weh       | God, O   |
| 2. Come, O come,  | Let us Praise | Christ, our     | King, O  |
| 3. Come, O come,  | Let us praise | Spir - it       | God, the |
| 1. La - jak - le  | Tau - ra      | P'ya, Tau - ra  | P'ya i   |
| 2. La - jak - le  | Kri - taw     | P'ya, Kri - taw | P'ya i   |
| 3. La - jak - le, | Win - gin     | P'ya, Win - gin | P'ya i   |



praise the love of	Yah - weh,	sov - 'reign	God,
praise the grace of	Christ, the	Prince of	Peace.
fel - low - ship of	Ho - ly	Spir - it	God,
me - ta - daw	ko - chi - mon	soh - le,	
je - zu - daw	ko - chi - mon	soh - le,	
mei - ta ha - yah	ko - chi - mon	soh - le,	



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## Near to the Heart of God

Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

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1. There is a place of qui - et rest, Near to the heart of God,  
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, Near to the heart of God,  
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, Near to the heart of God,

A place where sin can - not mo - lest, Near to the heart of God.  
 A place where we our Sav - ior meet, Near to the heart of God.  
 A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.

## Refrain

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, Sent from the heart of God,

Hold us, who wait be - fore Thee, Near to the heart of God.