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Remonstranten  
Vrijzinnige Protestanten

**Evening Prayer  
Sunday May, 22 2022**

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**Next Evening Prayer Sunday June 26, 17.15 hrs**

# Come Bless the Lord

## COME, BLESS THE LORD

♩ = 126    ♩♩ =  $\frac{1}{8}$     F    *Women in unison.*    Gm7

Come, bless the Lord,                      all you ser-vants of the

Come, bless the Lord,                      all you ser-vants of the Lord,

*Men in unison.*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is for women in unison, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note chord of F major, and then a series of eighth notes. The bottom staff is for men in unison, starting with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a half note chord of F major, followed by a series of eighth notes. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 126, and there are two eighth-note patterns shown as ♩♩ = 1/8.

C7                      F

Lord,                      who stand by night                      in the house of the

who stand by night                      in the house of the Lord.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody from the previous system, with a C7 chord above the first measure and an F chord above the last measure. The lyrics are 'Lord, who stand by night in the house of the'. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment.

F7                      Bb

Lord.                      Lift up your hands                      in the ho - ly

Lift up your hands                      in the ho - ly place,

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The top staff has an F7 chord above the first measure and a Bb chord above the last measure. The lyrics are 'Lord. Lift up your hands in the ho - ly'. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment.

Bbm    F/C    C7    F/C    C7    F    Bb/F    F

place,                      and bless the Lord,                      and bless the Lord.

and bless the Lord,                      and bless the Lord.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The top staff has a series of chords: Bbm, F/C, C7, F/C, C7, F, Bb/F, and F. The lyrics are 'place, and bless the Lord, and bless the Lord.'. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment.

—Psalm 134: 1, 2

Unknown

Come bless the our God  
All you servants of God  
Who stand by night in the house of our God  
Lift up your hands in the holy place  
And bless our God  
And bless our God

The One who made the heavens and the earth  
Who blesses us from holy Zion  
Lift up your hands in the holy place  
And bless our God  
And bless our God

Bless the eternal triune God  
Who evermore remains the same  
Lift up your hands in the holy place  
And bless our God  
And bless our God

In the name of the One holy and living God who is, who was,  
and who is to come. Amen

*Opening sentences*  
My soul waits for God  
More than those  
who watch for the morning  
More than those  
Who watch for the morning.

Out of the depths I have cried to You  
**O God, hear my voice.**  
With my whole heart I want to praise You  
**O God, hear my voice**  
If you, God, should mark wrongdoing  
**Who could stand? Who could stand?**

**I will wait for God.**  
**My soul waits,**  
**In God's word**  
**Do I hope.**

*Expressions of faith*

**My God, you have always given**  
**Bread for the coming day;**  
**and though I am poor,**  
**Today I believe**

**Mijn God, je hebt altijd gegeven**  
**Sterkte voor de komende dag;**  
**En hoewel ik zwak ben,**  
**Vandaag geloof ik**

**My God, You have always given**  
**Peace for the coming day;**  
**And though anxious of heart,**  
**Today I believe**

**My God, You have always kept me  
Safe in trials  
And now, tried as I am  
Today I believe**

**Mijn God, je hebt altijd gemarkeerd  
De weg voor de komende dag;  
En hoewel het misschien verborgen is  
Vandaag geloof ik**

**My God you have always lightened  
This darkness of mine;  
And though the night is here  
Today I believe.**

**Oh God, You have always spoken  
When the time was ripe;  
And though you be silent now  
Today I believe.**

*Scripture Reading*

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

### **A reading from**

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Prayers for ourselves and others*

Having heard God's Word let us call upon the name of the Eternal One, trusting in the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

God of the bright and morning star,

God of the rising sun,

God of darkness banished,

we praise and worship you!

For empty tombs: thank you!

For disciples running with good news: thank you!

For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you!

We celebrate your victory over death,  
over all the powers that would defeat us.  
Help us to grasp resurrection;  
to understand its power,  
to see its force at work in our world,  
overturning evil empires,  
changing the hatred within us,  
moving the world slowly, forcefully,  
bending us towards love and truth.

In this season of great gladness  
empower us to be your ambassadors,  
proclaiming good news.

Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,  
good news in the offices and workshops  
good news in the fields and factories  
Help us to be that good news,  
walking softly on this good earth  
caring gently for all people,  
living hopefully into your kingdom.

Today we think of all who are grieving, especially...

*[name those who are grieving]*

and for the sick and dying....

*[name those who are ill]*

for places in the world that are torn by war and  
bloodshed...

*[name countries at war]*

In this world of broken hopes and dreams

we catch sight of your kingdom come,

in the person of Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns in us forever. Amen.

# Hymn, Now the day is over

Moderately slow ♩ = 96

N.C.

Verse 1:

Ab D♭/A♭ E♭/A♭ A♭ D♭/A♭ A♭ E♭sus E♭

Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh.

Cm E♭ Fm D♭ A♭ D♭ E♭7 A♭

Shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.

1. *Now the day is over,  
night is drawing nigh;  
shadows of the evening  
steal across the sky.*

- 2 *Jesus, give the weary  
calm and sweet repose;  
with your tend'rest blessing  
may my eyelids close.*
- 3 *Comfort ev'ry suff'rer  
watching late in pain;  
those who plan some evil,  
from their sin restrain.*
- 4 *Thro' the long night-watches  
may your angels spread  
their bright wings above me,  
watching round my bed.*
- 5 *When the morning wakens,  
then may I arise  
pure and fresh and sinless  
in your holy eyes.*

## *Blessing*

See that you are at peace among yourselves, my children,  
And love one another.

Follow the example of the good people of old  
And God will comfort you and help you,  
Both in this world  
And in the world which is to come.

In the name of the One, holy and living God  
Who is, who was and who is to come. **amen.**

*This liturgy is based on the evening prayer from the Celtic Daily  
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Penner.*