

## **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA FELLOWSHIP DINNER, JULY 4, 2016**

### **(Prayer before meal)**

O God, come to our aid.

*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### **Hymn**

**1** O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

**2** O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

**3** Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

**4** Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

**5** O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

## **Psalm 107 (1-42)**

- <sup>1</sup> Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh for he is good, his faithful love lasts forever.
- <sup>2</sup> So let them say whom Yahweh redeemed, whom he redeemed from the power of their enemies,
- <sup>3</sup> bringing them back from foreign lands, from east and west, north and south.
- <sup>4</sup> They were wandering in the desert, in the wastelands, could find no way to an inhabited city;
- <sup>5</sup> they were hungry and thirsty, their life was ebbing away.
- <sup>6</sup> They cried out to Yahweh in their distress, he rescued them from their plight,
- <sup>7</sup> he set them on the road, straight to an inhabited city.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them thank Yahweh for his faithful love, for his wonders for the children of Adam!
- <sup>9</sup> He has fed the hungry to their hearts' content, filled the starving with good things.
- <sup>10</sup> Sojourners in gloom and shadow dark as death, fettered in misery and chains,
- <sup>11</sup> for defying the orders of Yahweh, for scorning the plan of the Most High-
- <sup>12</sup> he subdued their spirit by hard labour; if they fell there was no one to help.
- <sup>13</sup> They cried out to Yahweh in their distress, he rescued them from their plight,
- <sup>14</sup> he brought them out from gloom and shadow dark as death, and shattered their chains.

- <sup>15</sup> Let them thank Yahweh for his faithful love, for his wonders for the children of Adam!
- <sup>16</sup> He broke open gates of bronze and smashed iron bars.
- <sup>17</sup> Fools for their rebellious ways, wretched because of their sins,
- <sup>18</sup> finding all food repugnant, brought close to the gates of death-
- <sup>19</sup> they cried out to Yahweh in their distress; he rescued them from their plight,
- <sup>20</sup> he sent out his word and cured them, and rescued their life from the abyss.
- <sup>21</sup> Let them thank Yahweh for his faithful love, for his wonders for the children of Adam!
- <sup>22</sup> Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and recount with shouts of joy what he has done!
- <sup>23</sup> Voyagers on the sea in ships, plying their trade on the great ocean,
- <sup>24</sup> have seen the works of Yahweh, his wonders in the deep.
- <sup>25</sup> By his word he raised a storm-wind, lashing up towering waves.
- <sup>26</sup> Up to the sky then down to the depths! Their stomachs were turned to water;
- <sup>27</sup> they staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill went under.
- <sup>28</sup> They cried out to Yahweh in their distress, he rescued them from their plight,
- <sup>29</sup> he reduced the storm to a calm, and all the waters subsided,
- <sup>30</sup> and he brought them, overjoyed at the stillness, to the port where they were bound.
- <sup>31</sup> Let them thank Yahweh for his faithful love, for his wonders for the children of Adam!

- <sup>32</sup> Let them extol him in the assembly of the people, and praise him in the council of elders.
- <sup>33</sup> He has turned rivers into desert, bubbling springs into arid ground,
- <sup>34</sup> fertile country into salt-flats, because the people living there were evil.
- <sup>35</sup> But he has turned desert into stretches of water, arid ground into bubbling springs,
- <sup>36</sup> and has given the hungry a home, where they have built themselves a city.
- <sup>37</sup> There they sow fields and plant vines, and reap a harvest of their produce.
- <sup>38</sup> He blesses them and their numbers increase, he keeps their cattle at full strength.
- <sup>39</sup> Their numbers had fallen, they had grown weak, under pressure of disaster and hardship;
- <sup>40</sup> he covered princes in contempt, left them to wander in trackless wastes.
- <sup>41</sup> But the needy he raises from their misery, makes their families as numerous as sheep.
- <sup>42</sup> At the sight the honest rejoice, and the wicked have nothing to say.
- <sup>43</sup> Who is wise? Such a one should take this to heart, and come to understand Yahweh's faithful love.



(Most Rev Archbishop Paul Kwong)

### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, Chapter 10, verses 25-37.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the

hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’  
Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

### **Short Responsory**

Let my prayer come before you, O Lord.

– *Let my prayer come before you, O Lord.*

Let it rise in your presence like incense.

– *Let my prayer come before you, O Lord.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– *Let my prayer come before you, O Lord.*

### **Canticle in the Lord**

### **Magnificat**

### **My soul rejoices**

Let my soul proclaim your greatness forever, O my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices  
in God, my salvation.

For he has shown me such favour me, his lowly handmaiden.

Now all generations will call me blessed, because the mighty one  
has done great things for me. His name is holy, his mercy lasts for  
generation after generation for those who revere him.

He has put forth his strength: he has scattered the proud and  
conceited, torn princes from their thrones; but lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things; the rich he has sent  
away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, he has remembered  
his mercy as he promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his  
children forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Let my soul proclaim your greatness forever, O my God.*

## Prayers and Intercessions



(Rev Stephen Miller)

Today we pray for the work of Seafarers' Missions, their chaplains and ships visitors around the world as they care for and welcome seafarers. We pray that you will help them in their work of caring for and supporting seafarers. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the families of seafarers who are left at home. We pray for wives and husbands as they miss their partners and care for their families, for children as they miss a parent and for others as they miss a boy or girl friend, grandparent or son or daughter. Bless those who remain at home whilst a loved one is away at sea. Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**



(Most Rev Bishop Michael Yeung)

We pray for all ship owners that they will take their responsibility seriously to care for those who crew their ships. We pray that all ships may be properly maintained and kept in a seaworthy

condition. We pray for protection on all ships and their crews when they sail in seas affected by piracy. Help Mission chaplains and others as they care for seafarers who have experienced a piracy attack. Lord Hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for ourselves that we may have grateful hearts for all the food and other necessities of daily life that we so easily take for granted. Help us to remember the seafarers who work so hard that we can enjoy an easy life. Lord hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us join together in the words that our Lord Jesus himself taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



(His Eminence Cardinal John Tong Hon)

Lord God, of the universe, the fertile land, the swarming sea, bless those who leave their families and friends to sail the seas in dangerous and lonely conditions to make a living and to bring us the things we depend on. May they be given courage when they are in danger; friendship when they are lonely; strength when they



are weary; and hope when they feel discouraged, so that they may return to loved ones with the knowledge of a good job done. Give them faith when they doubt, hope when they despair, and the joy of home-coming through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

**Amen.**

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for our life, our home, our family, our friends, our faith, our church, our mission, and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

All-powerful God, since you have given us, your unworthy servants, the strength to work throughout this day, accept this evening sacrifice of praise as we thank you for your gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**