

SESSION I – Thursday 15 May – 10 am

Opening of the General Assembly

1. Constitution of Assembly.
(Commissioners are asked to stand for items marked*)

*Hymn (CH4 172) Sing for God's Glory

Lobe Den Herren

Sing for God's glo - ry that co - lours the dawn of cre - a - - tion, sun of de-
rac-ing a - cross the sky, trail-ing bright clouds of e - la - - tion;
light suc-ceeds the vel-vet of night, warm-ing the earth's ex-ul - ta - - tion.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The title 'Lobe Den Herren' is written in the top right corner.

1. Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.
2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.
3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.
4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Reading

John 3:1-17

Reader: The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald, Principal Clerk

**Prayer*

2. Roll of Commissioners laid on the table.
3. Election of Moderator and Prayer of Consecration (*Members of Assembly stand when Moderator enters*).
4. Commission to His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to be read, and order given for recording it (*Members of Assembly stand*).
5. Her Majesty's Letter to be read, and order given for recording it (*Members of Assembly stand*).
6. Address by His Grace The Lord High Commissioner, and Reply by the Moderator (*Members of Assembly stand*).
7. Appointment of Committee to prepare Answer to The Queen's Letter.
8. Report of Standing Committee on Commissions.
9. Submission of Standing Orders.
10. Appointment of Committee for arranging Order of Business (*This Committee will meet at the close of the morning session*).
11. Appointment of Panel of Tellers.
12. Appointment of Committee to prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.
13. Intimation of arrangements for celebration of Holy Communion on Monday 19 May, at 9.30 am.

Suspension of business for fifteen minutes

14. Report of the Assembly Arrangements Committee (Reports 6.1/1).
15. Report of the Committee on Classifying Returns to Overtures (Reports 22/1).
16. Report of the Delegation of the General Assembly (Reports 12/1).
17. Minutes of Commissions of Assembly tabled (Reports 24.1/1 & 24.2/1).
18. Report from the 2007 Youth Assembly (Reports 23/1).
19. Report and Supplementary Report of the Council of Assembly (Reports 1/1 and Order of Proceedings p40).
20. Report and Supplementary Report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee (Reports 6.6/1 and Order of Proceedings p50).
21. Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (Reports 16/1).
22. Report of the Support and Services Council (Reports 6/1).

23. Report of the Panel on Review and Reform (Reports 19/1).

SESSION II – Thursday 15 May – 7 pm

1. Constitution of Assembly.
(Commissioners are asked to stand for items marked*)

*Hymn (CH4 465) Be Thou My Vision



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| <p>1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art;
thou my best thought in the day or the
night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my
light.</p> | <p>3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the
fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high
tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.</p> |
| <p>2. Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true
Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would
be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.</p> | <p>4. Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> |
| <p>5. High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.</p> | |

Words Irish 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne rev. Eleanor Hull (d.1935) alt. © Estate of Eleanor Hull; music Irish traditional

*Prayer (said by all)

**Almighty and ever-living God,
you fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending your Holy Spirit
and opening the way of life eternal
to every race and nation.
Keep us in the unity of your Spirit,**

that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading

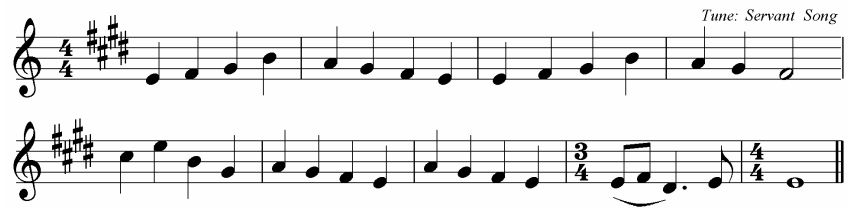
John 20:19-23 (from 'The Message')

Reader: The Rt Rev Dr John Finlay, Moderator, Presbyterian Church in

Ireland

*Reflection**Prayer*

2. Address by Retiring Moderator

**Hymn (CH4 694)* Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the
grace to
let you be my servant too. speak the peace you long to
hear.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each
other
walk the mile and bear the
load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Words and music Richard Gillard (b.1953), music arr. Betty Pulkingham (b.1928), both © Sovereign Music

3. Presentation of Delegates and Visitors

*Hymn (CH4 470) Jesus Shall Reign

Warrington

Je - sus shall reign where'er the sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
his King - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wain no more.

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his Kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no
more.
2. People and realms of every
tongue
declare his love in sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Words Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.; music adap. from Ralph Harrison (d.1810)

Benediction