

SESSION VII – Wednesday 21 May – 9.30 am

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

*Hymn (CH4 392) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham (Communion)

When I sur - vey the won-drous cross on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,
my rich - est gain I count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my
pride.
 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my
God;
all the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
 3. See! from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.
- Words Isaac Watts (d.1748); music 1780 arr. Edward Miller (d.1807)

*Prayer (said by all)

**O Christ the master carpenter
who at the last through wood and nails
purchased our whole salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world
so that we who come rough hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask this for your own name's sake. Amen**

Reading

Philippians 4:4-13 (from 'The Message')
Reader: Mrs Alison Twaddle, General Secretary, Church of Scotland Guild

Reflection

Prayer

*Hymn (CH4 532)

Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore

Pescador de Hombres

Lord, you have come to the sea-shore, nei-ther search-ing for the rich nor the wise
de-si-ring on-ly that I should fol-low. O

Lord, with your eyes set u-pon me, gent-ly smi-ling, you have spo-ken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the wa-ter, at your side I will seek o-ther shores.

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1. Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the
wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
3. Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.

*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side I will seek other shores.*

2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no
wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and
labour?
4. Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting-place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

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2. Minutes.
3. Report and Supplementary Report of the General Trustees (Reports 13/1 and Order of Proceedings p112).
4. Report of the HIV/AIDS Project (Reports 7.1/1 and **Assembly Papers p..**).
5. Report of the Central Services Committee (Reports 6.2/1).
6. Report of the Nomination Committee (Reports 18/1).
7. Report of the Selection Committee.

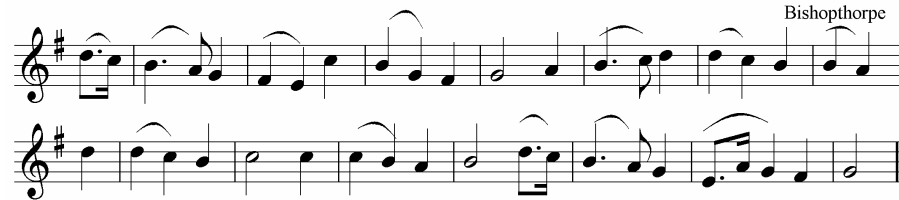
8. Protestations called for.
9. Report on the Printing of Acts ([Assembly Papers p](#)).

SESSION ult. – Wednesday 21 May – 3.30 pm

Close of General Assembly

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

*Hymn (CH4 424) Blest Be The Everlasting God



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| <p>1. Blest be the everlasting God,
the Father of our Lord!
Be his abounding mercy praised,
his majesty adored!</p> | <p>3. To an inheritance divine
he taught our hearts to rise;
'tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
unfading in the skies.</p> |
| <p>2. When from the dead he raised his
Son,
and called him to the sky,
he gave our souls a lively hope
that they should never die.</p> | <p>4. Saints by the power of God are kept,
till the salvation come:
we walk by faith as strangers here;
but Christ shall call us home.</p> |

Words Scottish Paraphrases 1781; music Jeremiah Clarke (d.1707).

*Prayer (said by all)

**Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass all understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. Amen**

Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3; 12:1-2 (NRSV)

Reader: The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald, Principal Clerk

2. Report anent Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.

**Hymn (CH4 726) When We Are Living*

Somos del Señor

When we are li - ving, we are in the Lord, and when we're dy - ing, we are
in the Lord; for in our li - ving and in our dy - ing we be-long to
God, we be-long to God.

1. When we are living, we are in the Lord,
and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;
for in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to God.
2. Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
3. Sometimes we sorrow, other times embrace,
sometimes we question everything we face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
we belong to God, we belong to God.
4. Till earth is over may we always know
love never fails us: God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;
we belong to God, we belong to God.

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3. Draft Minutes of Sederunts not yet submitted to be read if required.

4. Appointment of Committee to revise Minutes.
5. Act Appointing Commission of Assembly.
6. Act Appointing diet of next General Assembly.
7. Moderator addresses the General Assembly.

The Lord's Prayer

**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
now and forever. Amen**

**Hymn (CH4 519) Love Divine*

Hyfrodol

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ling, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - boun - ded love thou art;
vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter eve - ry tremb - ling heart.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come
down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words Charles Wesley; music Rowland Pritchard (d.1887) harm. David Evans (d.1948) © OUP.

8. *His Grace, the Lord High Commissioner, addresses the General Assembly.

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9. Dissolution of the General Assembly.

*Hymn (CH4 425) The Saviour Died, But Rose Again

The Sa - viour died, but rose a - gain tri - um - phant from the grave; and
pleads our cause at God's right hand, om - ni - po - tent to save.

St. Andrew

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| <p>1. The Saviour died, but rose again
triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right
hand,
omnipotent to save.</p> | <p>3. Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.</p> |
| <p>2. Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and his love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heaven above?</p> | <p>4. Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from his heart,
or make his love decay.</p> |
| <p>5. Each future period that will bless,
as it has blessed the past:
he loved us from the first of time,
he loves us to the last.</p> | |

Words: Scottish Paraphrases 1781, music New Harmony of Zion 1764.

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