



**World Council
of Churches**

The service of installation of Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay

As the ninth general secretary of the World Council of Churches

**In the chapel of the Ecumenical Centre
Geneva, Switzerland
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(stand)

Processional

Opening Hymn: The Church's one foundation (In any language)

Samuel J. Stone

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: English

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are provided in three languages: English, German, and French. The score includes measure numbers 1, 6, 10, and 14. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1. The church 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord; she
1. Die Kir - che ist ge - grün - det al - lein auf Je - sus Christ. Sein
1. L'E - glise u - ni - ver - sel - le, fon - dée en Jé - sus - Christ, est
1. Un - so - lo fun - da - men - to y so - lo un fun - da - dor la

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is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word; from
Wort hat an - ge - zün - det das Licht, das in ihr ist. Er
la mai - son nou - vel - le vi - vant de son Es - prit. Du
10
san - ta i - gle - sia tie - ne en Cris - to, su Se - ñor. Pa -

heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with
kam und hat ge - wor - ben um sie mit sei - nem Blut. Sie
ciel il vint lui é - me pour é - tre son é - poux, le
14
ra ha - cer - la su es - po - sa del cie - lo des - cen - díó, y

his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
lebt, weil er ge - stor - ben. Er bleibt ihr Heil und Gut.
Ré - demp - teur su - prê - me don - nant son sang pour nous.
con - su pro - pia san - gre su li - ber - tad com - pró.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.	2. Aus allem Volk erkoren, ist eins sie nah und fern. Durch eine Tauf geboren, dient sie dem einen Herrn. Ein Heilswort is ihr Segen, ein Gnadentisch sie speist, ein Geist gibt ihren Wegen das Licht, das heimwärts weist	2. Partout dans la prière, l'Eglise unit les coeurs pour invoquer le Père, un même et seul Seigneur. Aux ordres de son maître, rompant le même pain, l'Eglise fait connaître à tous l'amour divin.	2. Aunque de muchas razas disfruta la unidad; sólo una fe confiesa en santa caridad. Es uno su bautismo, un pan de santidad; por gracia siempre espera una felicidad.
3. Through toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.	3. Gehorsam ihrer Sendung in Unruh, Kampf und Schmach trägt sie bis zur Vollendung ihr Kreuz dem Heiland nach. So wird sie sich bewähren bis sie verklärt ersteht und froh mit Siegesehren in Gottes Frieden geht.	3. Le monde la méprise, il cherche à la briser. Des luttes la divisent, son temps paraît compté. Mais elle, dans l'épreuve, reçoit de Jésus-Christ des forces toujours neuves, le don de son Esprit.	3. Cercada de tumultos, de guerra y confusión, la paz entera espera, serena en su visión; hasta que victoriosa la iglesia terrenal reciba por su premio descanso celestial.
4. We now on earth have union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee.	4. Schon hier ist sie verbunden mit der Dreieinigkeit und denen, die gefunden die Ruhe nach dem Streit. O selig, die da sehen! Herr, hilf uns, dass auch wir in Lieb und Demut gehen den Heimweg hin zu dir!	4. Déjà sur cette terre elle est unie à Dieu, et par un grand mystère aux rachetés des cieux. Car la vie éternelle est pour tous ceux de nous dont Christ est le modèle dans un coeur humble et doux.	4. Mas ella aquí disfruta celeste comunión con Dios y con los santos en paz y perfección. Jesús, cabeza nuestra. Concédenos lugar con los que habitan siempre en tu celeste hogar.

Deutsch, Theodor Werner. Français, Paquier/E. Pidoux. Español, Lefferd M.A. Haugwout.

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

L: Come, disciples of Christ, called to worship the one Triune God,
the God of justice, love, and grace.

All: **We come, your obedient disciples.**

L: Come, disciples of Christ, called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ:
the fullness of life,
the repentance and forgiveness of sin,
and the promise of eternal life.

All: **We come, your faithful disciples.**

L: Come, disciples of Christ,
called to joyfully engage in the ways of the Holy Spirit
who empowers people from the margins with agency,
in the search for justice and dignity.

All: **We come, your joyful disciples.**

(sit)

Welcome *(Moderator of WCC Central Committee, Bishop Heinrich Bedford-Strohm)*

♪ **Together in Christ We Move**
(sung in English and Tongan)

English, Winston Halapua. Tongan, Rev. Sione Uluilakepa

Abp. Winston Halapua, Fiji

'Ofa fu - nga - ni e 'ofa fu - nga - ni e Me'a-'ofa 'ae 'O - tua Me'a
The em-brace of God, the em-brace of God is giv-en to us, is

'ofa 'ae 'O - tua Tau Laka pe ki mu -'a Fie - fia 'ia Ka la i si.
giv-en to us. To - geth - er in Christ we move. To - geth - er in Christ we move.

Music and English, Winston Halapua, Fiji. Tongan, Sione Uluilakepa.

Die Umarmung Gottes wird uns gegeben. Zusammen sind wir unterwegs in Christus.

Dieu nous ouvre ses bras. Ensemble et dans le Christ, nous avançons.

Dios nos ha dado su abrazo. Juntos/as en Cristo nos movemos.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

- L: God of all, our hearts and bodies are thankful for this opportunity to come before you to worship you in the beauty of holiness.
- L: We come before you, a holy family, united in the beautiful diversity of your creation, yet all part of the one Body of Christ. We praise you that through the living waters of baptism, our sins, red as scarlet, were washed away, and we were healed as we became part of the beloved community, the family of God. We praise your name as we give thanks to you, Creator God, for all that you have provided for us.
- L: Yet, we confess that we are unwilling to share our abundant resources even as we witness the suffering of those who lack the necessities of life. We confess that in our selfishness, we do not care enough for the needs of others. Open our hearts to show mercy. As Jesus showed us how to love—help us to do likewise.

We confess before you our sins, seeking your pardon... (*pause*)

- L: Almighty God, hear our prayers, have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

All: Thanks be to God.

♪ **As many as have been baptized into Christ**

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As ma - - ny as have been bap - tized
 Wie - - vie - - le von euch ge - tauft sind
 Qui - con - - que est bap - ti - sé dans
 Quién fue bau - ti - za - do en Cris -

in - to Christ have put Christ on
 auf Chri - stus, ha - - - ben Chri - stus an - ge - zo - Christ,
 le Christ Jé - sus tie - - - ne a re - vè - tu Christ.
 to Je - sus tie - - - ne a re - vè - tu Je - - sus.

A - - - le - - - lu - - - ja.

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Act of Installation

Bishop Dr Heinrich Bedford-Strohm:

L: We are assembled to install Jerry Pillay as the ninth general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Jerry, you have been called to serve as the general secretary of the WCC, after being elected by the central committee of the WCC on June 17, 2022.

Today, as you are installed, I ask you:

Will you, believing that the church is Christ's body gathered by Christ's love to serve in reconciling the world, continue to do your part in the building up of His Body, the Church?

Jerry: I will, God being my help.

L: Will you, with the aid of the Holy Spirit and by the grace of God, endeavour to faithfully perform all the duties of the office of the general secretary of the WCC, being careful at all times to speak the truth in love?

Jerry: I will, God being my help.

L: Will you, in accordance with the constitution of the World Council of Churches, work consistently so that all the member churches of the WCC, those serving as members of the executive and central committees and the various commissions, reference and study groups and your colleagues on staff, are strengthened in their commitment to serve the Church and Christ, as its head?

Jerry: I will, God being my help.

(Here the congregation shall stand)

L: Will you, the people of God representing the global membership of the WCC, now receive Jerry as the ninth general secretary; will you hold him in high respect as he works among you, sustaining him with your love and prayers, supplying him with your full support and participation as he, and all who work alongside him, faithfully serve this generation?

All: We will, God being our help.

L: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have established one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and you invite us into communion. We thank you for calling your servant Jerry to leadership within the ecumenical movement. Give him the gifts he needs to accomplish this work.

All: May the Triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and guide you in all your journeying. Amen

Jerry, I hereby install you as the ninth general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

The Charge to Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay

L: In this sacred hour I charge you:

L: Remember the words of our Lord Jesus “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

L: Remember the words of our Lord Jesus: “I am the Vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me and I in him, the same bears much fruit.”

L: Remember the words of our Lord Jesus to Simon Peter: “Do you love Me? Feed my lambs; Tend my Sheep; Feed my Sheep.”

(sit for silent prayer)

♪ **Choir Anthem: The Lord Bless you**

♪ **Hamba nathi mkulu wethu** *The Journey is long*

The journey is long

South Africa

1.

Ham - ba na - thi
Come, walk with us,

Ham - ba na - thi
Come, walk with us,
Lis - ten to us,

Ham - ba na - thi
Come, walk with us,
Lis - ten to us,

Ham - ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu.
Come, walk with us, the jour - ney is long.

Ham - ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu
Come, walk with us, the jour - ney is long. Ham -

2.

mku - lu - lu we - thu
the jour - ney is long.

mku - lu - lu we - thu
the jour - ney is long.

lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu we - thu
jour - ney is long. the jour - ney the jour - ney the jour - ney is long. the

3.

mku - lu - lu we - thu
the jour - ney is long.

The - tha na - thi
Lis - ten to us,

lu - lu mku - lu - lu mku - lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu we - thu Ham
jour - ney the jour - ney the jour - ney is long. the jour - ney is long. Lis -

Prayer Before Scripture Reading

L: Make us wise in your law and enlighten our thoughts with your knowledge.
Sanctify our souls with your truth and grant us to be obedient to your words so
we fulfil your commandments at every hour, O Lord of all, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit for ever.

All: Amen

Old Testament: Exodus 19: 9 – 15a

⁹Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after.”

When Moses had told the words of the people to the Lord, ¹⁰ the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes ¹¹ and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹² You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³ No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain.” ¹⁴ So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵ And he said to the people, “Prepare for the third day;”

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:23-28

²³ By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king’s anger, for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

(stand)

♪ Halleluya

Rahel Daulay, Indonesia

Ha - le Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le Ha - le - lu - ya,
Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya,
Ha - le Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya.
Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31 – 40

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’ ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?’ ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

♪ Halleluya

Rahel Daulay, Indonesia

Ha - le Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le Ha - le - lu - ya,
Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya,
Ha - le Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya.
Ha - le - lu - ya, Ha - le - lu - ya.

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(sit)

Sermon: Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay, General Secretary, World Council of Churches

(stand)

♪ The Right hand of God

The right hand of God

Patrick Prescod

Noel Dexter: Jamaica

1. The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land,
 2. The right hand of God is strik - ing in our land,
 3. The right hand of God is lift - ing in our land,
 4. The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land,

writ - ing with pow - er and with love. Our
 striking out at en - vy, hate and greed. Our
 lift - ing the fal - len one, by one. Each
 healing bro - ken bo - dies, minds and souls. So

con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our
 self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un -
 one is known by name, and res - cued that now from
 won - drous is its touch with love that means so

tears are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
 just are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
 shame by the lift - ing of the right hand of God.
 much, when we're healed by the right hand of God.

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L: Let us affirm our faith:

(stand)

All: We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
 from the Virgin Mary
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried;
on the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven.
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father;
with the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified;
he has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in the holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed

(sit)

Prayers of the People

L: With faith and confidence, we come in prayer before God, who is Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit:

L: We give thanks for the work of the World Council of Churches and all other
ecumenical bodies, who work unceasingly for unity, justice, and peace. As we
mark this moment, may we, in our work and witness together of Christ's love, lay
aside our pride, give up our prejudice and our easy judgments of others, as if they
always had less and we more faith, hope and love.

♪ **Coptic Kyrie Je Nai Nan**

from the Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory the Theologian

Arr. Youssef Iskander, Egypt

Je - e Na - i na - n Je - e Na - i na - an
Ⲛⲉ - ⲉ ⲛⲁ - - ⲓ ⲛⲁ - ⲛ Ⲛⲉ - ⲉ ⲛⲁ - - ⲓ - ⲛⲁ - ⲁⲛ

Je Nai na - an ef - no - ti Pe - en - so -
Ⲛⲉ ⲛⲁⲓ ⲛⲁ - ⲁⲛ ⲉⲑ - ⲛⲟⲩ - ⲧⲓ ⲛⲉ - ⲉⲛ - ⲥⲟ -

ti - r Ky - ri - ye - le - i - so - on
ⲧⲓ - ⲣ ⲕⲩ - ⲣⲓ - ⲉ - ⲗⲉ - ⲓ - ⲥⲟ - ⲟⲛ

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Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy upon us, O God, our Saviour.

Erbarme dich, erbarme dich, erbarme dich unser, o Gott, unser Erlöser.

Aie pitié, aie pitié, aie pitié de nous, Ô Dieu, notre sauveur.

Ten piedad, ten piedad, ten piedad de tu pueblo, oh Dios, nuestro salvador.

- L: We give thanks for all the staff of the WCC, today in particular for the newly installed general secretary. We ask for the Spirit's guidance and discernment in all matters and for wisdom in the face of ongoing challenges. We pray that we might continue steadfastly and with good will on the way which we have begun, that we may arrive at peace and reconciliation, that God may be praised, and that our witness may be credible before the world.

♪ **Coptic Kyrie Je Nai Nan**

- L: We give thanks for the faithful support given to the work and witness of the World Council of Churches. May all that we do be done for the good of all people and for the benefit of all creation which is held together in Christ. We commend to you all who are persecuted for your name's sake, asking that you deliver them from evil. Look, in mercy, we pray upon all who suffer and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.

♪ **Coptic Kyrie Je Nai Nan**

- L: We give thanks for the nations of this world and for those nations where peace and good will prevail among its people. As we pray for all leaders of the nations', we ask that you guide them in the ways of mercy and truth. Bring peace to those nations that now witness conflict and war. Bring comfort to victims of natural disasters, and we remember, in particular, our brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria. Be with the needy and poor that they may not be forgotten. Heal the sick in body, mind, and spirit. We commend to you this world for which Christ died. Grant protection and give us your mercy.

♪ **Coptic Kyrie Je Nai Nan**

(stand)

The Lord's Prayer *(each in his or her own language)*

Sending Forth

L: God, in your grace, you have allowed the formation of the Ecumenical Movement
 to serve you in this turbulent world.
 Now, we humbly ask you to guide and strengthen the World Council of Churches
 as it continues its work and witness in these difficult times.
 Let the Cross of Christ, the symbol of humiliation and self-sacrifice,
 always be the mast of the ecumenical ship as it sets sail for its service in this season.

All: **We are confident that God is calling us to go on our way together.
 We share a common pilgrimage of justice, reconciliation, and unity as people who hope in the resurrection.
 We journey from this place, sharing God's peace with each other and the world in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

♩ **El amor de Cristo Ileva al mundo** (*Christ can move the world*)

Allegro

Gerardo Oberman

F Gm C B♭ F

El a - mor de Cris - to lle - va al mun - do a la re - con - ci - lia - ción y a la u - ni
 Christ can move the world to re - con - cile it, with u - ni - ty that can make the bro - ken
 Chris - ti Lie - be be - wegt uns - re Er - de zur Ein - heit, Ver - söh - nung, zur Hei - lung der
 L'a - mour du Christ a - git dans le mon - de pour la ré - con - ci - lia - tion et l'u - ni

4 C7 F Gm C

dad. El a - mor de Cris - to lle - va al mun - do a
 whole. Love can move the world to un - de - file it, and
 Welt. Die - se Lie - be ist auch uns' - re Hoff - nung, un -
 té. L'a - mour du Christ a - git dans le mon - de, fait

7 B♭ F C7 F C7 F

la re - con - ci - lia - ción y a la u - ni - dad. Pa pa ra pa pa, pa pa ra ra
 lead us to peace, our hope, our song, our goal.
 ser neu - es Lied, das uns den Frie - den gibt.
 brû - ler en nous la paix, la li - ber - té.

10 B♭ C

ra, pa pa ra ra ra, pa pa ra ra ra, pa pa ra ra

12 F C7 F Gm C C7 F

ra. Pa pa ra pa pa, pa pa ra ra ra, pa pa ra ra ra, pa pa ra ra ra.

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