

# LIVING POSTCOLONIAL ANGLICANISM

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Evening Prayer

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### **About the Organ Prelude**

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The organ prelude features classical sacred compositions by composers of color, largely underrepresented in solo organ literature, and highlights a journey of organ music from England to Nigeria to the United States.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), was born in Holborn, London, England and studied at the Royal College of Music, eventually working with Charles Villiers Stanford and Edward Elgar. He became so successful a composer that he was called the “African Mahler” on his tour of the U.S. His cantatas, *Hiawatha’s Wedding-feast*, were widely performed in England during his life, and rivaled in popularity only by Handel’s *Messiah* and Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*.

Fela Sowande (1905-1987), born in Abeokuta, Nigeria, lived and studied in England before moving to the U.S. A Member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and a Member of the British Empire, his organ music incorporates Nigerian influences and Western compositional techniques. He believed that nationalism should not go unchecked, but always be a part of the greater global community. Sowande was known as the “Father of Modern Nigerian Art Music.” *Obangiji* means “God Almighty” in Yoruba, and this piece is based on a traditional Nigerian melody.

Florence B. Price (1887-1953), was the first African-American woman to have a symphony premiered by a major symphony orchestra (Chicago Symphony Orchestra). Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, she moved north during the Great Migration to escape the racist climate of the South. During this period, known as the Chicago Black Renaissance, Price began associating with significant figures, including Langston Hughes, Margaret Bonds, and Marian Anderson. Although Price was an important and prolific composer, contributing much to American music in the last century, her music has only recently been discovered and performed regularly.

# Evening Prayer

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**Prelude Music**

*Impromptu No. 2*

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (UK)

*Obangiji*

Fela Sowande (Nigeria)

*Adoration*

Florence Price (U.S.)

**Hymn**, *Come and find the quiet center*

Shirley Erena Murray (New Zealand)  
BEACH SPRING



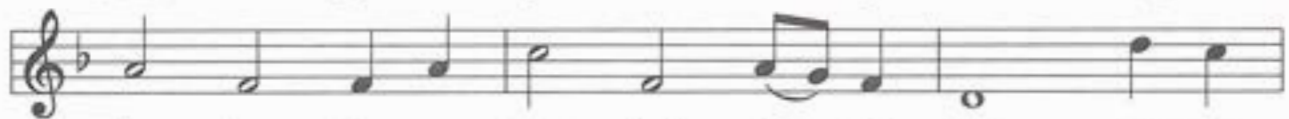
1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the  
3. In the Spir-it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth-er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep-est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim-ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem-ing there is al - ways room to spare.

*Officiant:* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The candles are now lit.*

**Hymn, *Jesus, the Light of the World***

George D. Elderkin (U.S.)

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light. Come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night. Je-sus, the light of the world.

# The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us.

*People:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Psalm 149, *Cantate Domino*

*Refrain*

English: O sing to the Lord a new song,  
Portuguese: Can - tai ao Sen - hor um cân - ti - co no - vo, can -  
Chinese: Xiàng Yē - hé - huá chàng xīn gē, xiàng

sing to the Lord a new song.  
tai um cân - ti - co no - vo.  
Yē - hé - huá chàng xīn gē.

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

*Refrain (English)*

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

*Refrain (Portuguese)*

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

*Refrain (Chinese)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Refrain (English)*

# The Lessons

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*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

*Estrillo (Refrain):*


Mi al - ma glo - ri - fi - ca al Se -  
 ñor, mi Dios, gó - za - se mi es - pí - ri - tu en mi Sal - va - dor.  
 Él es mi a - le - grí - a, es mi ple - ni - tud, Él es to - do pa - ra mí.

Ha mirado la bajeza de su sierva  
 Muy dichosa me dirán todos los pueblos  
 Porque en mí ha hecho grandes maravillas  
 El que todo puede cuyo nombre es Santo

For he hath regarded \*  
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 For behold from henceforth \*  
 all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
 and holy is his Name.

Su clemencia se derrama por los siglos  
 Sobre aquellos que le temen y le aman  
 Desplegó el gran poder de su derecha  
 Dispersó a los que piensan que son algo  
 imagination of their hearts.

And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
 throughout all generations.  
 He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
 he hath scattered the proud in the

Derribó a los potentados de sus tronos  
 Y ensalzó a los humildes y a los pobres  
 Los hambrientos se saciaron de sus bienes  
 Y alejó de sí vacíos a los ricos

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Acogió a Israel su humilde siervo  
 Acordándose de su misericordia  
 Como había prometido a nuestros padres  
 Abraham y descendencia para siempre

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his  
 servant Israel, \*  
 as he promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed for ever.

Demos gloria a Dios porque Él es nuestro Padre  
 Y a su Hijo que murió para salvarnos  
 Y al Espíritu que habita entre nosotros  
 Ahora y siempre por los siglos infinitos

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

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*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray in the language of our hearts.

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## From A New Zealand Prayer Book

*Intercessor:* Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
E Ihowā, meinga ō tikanga kia mōhiotia ki te ao,

**People:** **your saving power among all peoples.**  
tōu mana whakaora ki ngā tauwi katoa.

*Intercessor:* Renew your Church in holiness,  
whakahoungia tō Hāhi i runga i te tapu.

**People:** **and help us to serve you with joy.**  
Ā, āwhinatia mātou ki te mahi ki a koe i runga i te hari.

*Intercessor:* Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
E Ihowā, arahina ngā iwi o tēnei whenua.

**People:** **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**  
Kia riro mai ai i ngā tāngata katoa ngā mea e tika ana ki a rātou.

*Intercessor:* Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
E Ihowā, kua e warewaretia te rawakore.

**People:** **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Kaua anō te tūmanako o te rawakore e whakakorea.

*Intercessor:* Make us instruments of your peace,  
E Ihowā, meinga mātou hei karere mō tōu rangimārie.

**People:** **and let your glory be over all the earth.**  
Ā, tukua tōu korōria kia horapa ki te ao katoa.

## A Litany for Creation<sup>1</sup>

*From Indigenous Ministries of The Anglican Church of Canada*

*Intercessor:* Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst, help us to find the way to refresh your lands.

**People:** **We pray for your power to refresh your lands.**

*Intercessor:* Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution, help us to find the way to cleanse your waters.

**People:** **We pray for your knowledge to find the way to cleanse the waters**

*Intercessor:* Great Spirit, whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse, help us to find the way to restore the beauty of your handiwork.

**People:** **We pray for your strength to restore the beauty of your handiwork.**

*Intercessor:* Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help us to find the way to replenish them.

**People:** **We pray for your power to replenish the earth.**

*Intercessor:* Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us to find the way to restore our humanity.

**People:** **We pray for your wisdom to find the way to restore our humanity.**

<sup>1</sup> Source: Christian Native Women for World Day of Prayer 1981, copyright 1981 Church Women United

## Prayers from the Global Anglican Communion

*Officiant:* For whom do we offer prayers and thanksgiving?

*People pray silently or aloud in the language of their heart.*

*Officiant:* Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

### **Anthem, *Tenemos esperanza***

Frederico J. Pagura  
Sung by Paulo Ueti

Porque El entró en el mundo y en la historia;  
porque El quebró el silencio y la agonía;  
porque llenó la tierra de su gloria;  
porque fue luz en nuestra noche fría.

Because he came into the world and history,  
Because he broke the silence and the agony,  
Because he filled the earth with his glory  
Because he was light in our cold night.

Porque nació en un pesebre oscuro;  
porque vivió sembrando amor y vida;  
porque partió los corazones duros  
y levantó las almas abatidas.

Because he was born in a dark manger,  
Because he lived sowing love and life,  
Because he opened up the hard hearts  
And lifted up the downcast souls

Por eso es que hoy tenemos esperanza;  
por eso es que hoy luchamos con porfía;  
por eso es que hoy miramos con confianza,  
el porvenir en esta tierra mía.

That's why we have hope today  
That's why we fight tenaciously today  
That's why today we look with confidence  
To the future of this land of mine

Porque atacó a ambiciosos mercaderes  
y denunció maldad e hipocresía;  
porque exaltó a los niños, las mujeres  
y rechazó a los que de orgullo ardían.

Because he attacked the ambitious merchants,  
And denounced evil and hypocrisy,  
Because he exalted the children, the women,  
And rejected those who burn with pride

Porque El cargó la cruz de nuestras penas  
y saboreó la hiel de nuestros males;  
porque aceptó sufrir nuestra condena,  
y así morir por todos los mortales.

Because he carried the cross of our suffering  
And tasted the bitterness of our ills  
Because he accepted to suffer our condemnation  
And thus died for all mortals

Porque una aurora vio su gran victoria  
sobre la muerte, el miedo, las mentiras;  
ya nada puede detener su historia,  
ni de su Reino eterno la venida

Because a dawn saw his great victory  
Over death, the fear, the lies  
Now nothing can stop his story,  
Or the coming of his eternal Kingdom

**Officiant:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Bishop:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

**Hymn, We are marching in the light of God (Siyahamba)**

South African

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -  
Ca - mi - ne - mos a la luz de Dios, ca - mi -  
Nous mar - chons dans la lu - mière de Dieu, nous mar -

march - ing in the light of God. We are  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya -  
ne - mos a la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -  
chons dans la lu - mière de Dieu. Nous mar -

God. We are march - ing, we are march - ing, we are  
khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, si - ya  
Dios. Ca - mi - ne - mos, ca - mi - ne - mos, ca - mi -  
Dieu. Nous mar - chons, nous mar - chons, nous mar -

march - ing in the light of God.  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen khos'.  
ne - mos a la luz de Dios.  
chons dans la lu - mière de Dieu.

*Last time, end*

# Episcopal Divinity School



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