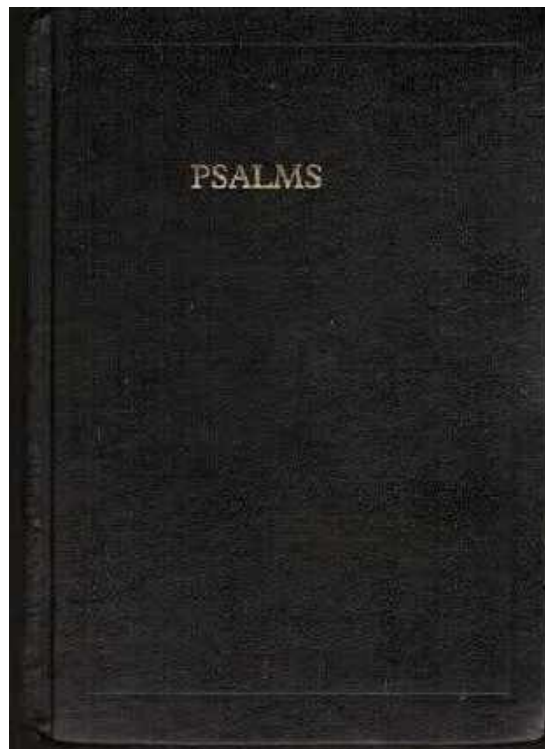


Report Deputies Liturgical Music

April 2024



Mandating Synod: Belhar 2021

Receiving Synod: Mamelodi 2024

Membership of deputyship:

The members of this deputyship were Marthie Breytenbach, Anita Kamphuis, Rev BA Matlaela, Rev GF Mnisi and Rev J van der Linden (convener).

The deputyship functioned well. Rev Matlaela and Rev Mnisi were only involved in the mandates regarding the Sotho-speaking churches as we deemed this the best use of their time.

Summary of activities

As deputyship Liturgical Music we met on five occasions (22 Sept 2022, 23 Jan 2023, 30 Mar 2023 (with a focus on the mandate for the Sotho-speaking churches), 22 Jan 2024, and 4 Mar 2024). Most of the discussions about correspondence etc. was done via WhatsApp.

Mandate given by Synod 2021

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- 9.1.9 To submit a report to the next synod and formulate recommendations according to Article 10 and 11 of the Synod Rules.

Execution of the mandate given by Synod 2021

We will discuss our progress according to the mandate given to us as deputyship:

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We agree that these are good topics to add to the list of themes on which we need additional songs as aspects of them are not covered well by the Psalms and Skrifberymings. We have worked through the Gesange 1976, the *Liedboek* and the *Halleluja* hymnal for possible hymns on these themes. It was not easy to find hymns focused on the topics we are trying to cover, so sometimes the hymns cover the topic more indirectly, but as we see it, it is still useful for our purposes.

We also received a letter from Rev. Dirk Boersma to consider finding more songs that we can use after the reading of the law, especially as the law relates to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

We realize that with each new topic that is mentioned, deputies need to go through three hymnals to see if something is available. As we already had to go through the hymnals anyway, we decided to give the options for Rev. Boersma’s request below. We also added some more options of topics that we feel are not yet covered well by our current Psalms and Skrifberymings. As churches are currently engaged in a process in which we try to (only!) find hymns about aspects of the fullness we have in Christ which is not yet covered by the Psalms and Skrifberymings. In light of this process, we took the liberty to add some hymns under list B below. These topics were of course not part of our mandate, but it is part of our bigger aim with our hymnal. It is for Synod to decide if they also want to consider these options.

The hymns that are mentioned as possibilities here were selected according to the criteria for hymns given by Synod 2011 (p. 22-23) and the general criteria for the whole of the hymnal (p.23-24).

The selected hymns below are added in an Appendix to this report.

A. We have found the following possible hymns for the churches that are according to the topics of our mandate:

Last Judgment & Jesus’ Return

Lied 584 (Liedboek)

Eschatology

Lied 52 (Halleluja-bundel) – This hymn is a bit more indirect on the topic.

Comfort when believers die

Lied 70 (Halleluja-bundel) – This is also a bit more indirect, but can be used well for the topic.

Lied 318 (Halleluja-bundel)

Lied 322 (Halleluja-bundel) – This is also ideal for funerals. It is good that we keep in mind that we have songs for these liturgical functions.

Christian Life and the Fruit of the Spirit

Lied 235 (Halleluja-bundel) – This hymn is on this topic, but in a broader sense than the topic is often understood.

Prayer

Lied 79 (Swart Gesange 1965) – We were asked to find hymns on Prayer. We do not find hymns on the topic of prayer, but hymns that are prayers. This hymn indirectly gives a beautiful focus on what prayer is.

B. The following topics and hymns are suggestions according to our aim to sing about the fullness of our salvation, but were not mandated by synod:

Prayer for our country

Lied 282 (Liedboek) – We feel this can be useful for us as churches as we wrestle with our place and calling in this country.

On the Trinity

Lied 1 (Swart Gesangebundel 1974)

Lied 2 (Halleluja-bundel)

The Trinity is absolutely central to our faith, and we do not have a lot of songs that helps us to sing the fulness of the Trinity.

Life in paradise and fall in sin

Lied 239 (Swart Gesange 1974) – This is also a central doctrine of our faith, and we do not have a song that sings directly about life in paradise and after the fall into sin.

Prayer and expectation before the preaching of the Word

Lied 462 (Halleluja-bundel) – This hymn can have a very good liturgical function before the preaching. It will help the church to have perspective on what is about to happen in the preaching, and to prepare their hearts.

On Christ and the law

Lied 250 (Liedboek) – This is an indirect version of Romans 13:10-14.

Lied 68 (Swart Gesange 1965) – This hymn is strong on sacrificial obedience, humility, and finding and doing the will of God, and a fitting hymn to sing as answer to the reading of the law.

Lied 277 (Halleluja-bundel) – This song is about being united to Christ and our sanctification. This is a central aspect of our faith and an aspect on which we cannot yet sing the fulness with our current collection of songs.

(This song uses the term “Liewe Jesus”, which we are not accustomed to do. We should however see this in context. It is not part of a modern and one-sided “Liewe Jesus-movement”. First of all, this song was written by a well-known Lutheran songwriter in 1599. This phrase was often used in the times of the Reformation. Secondly, the song uses the term “Heilige Jesus” three times. So it is not a one-sided look at Jesus at all. Today we will also address one another as “Liewe [Name]” in a letter or email. The term is therefor also not abnormal to use in today’s times.

We as deputies would also not have a problem to change the wording of this phrase in the song, so that it can still function in our context. Although there is still much more to be said about Jesus Christ and our sanctification, we have not come across other songs that focus on the theme of Jesus Christ and our sanctification.)

9.1.2. To compose a document, made up of previous synod decisions, that clearly shows the biblical reasons for singing hymns. This document should also address the objections that have been raised over the years, plus the reasons why these objections were rejected by synod.

Please see this document (“Laat die woord van Christus ryklik in julle woon”) as an attachment to our report. We wrote this document in Afrikaans and in popular language so that this document can be distributed by church councils and used as a discussion document in the churches.

At the Indaba we mentioned that synod often did not give direct answers to the objections to the singing of hymns. These discussions were often done at the local churches or by special meetings organized by the Liturgical deputyship. We asked the Indaba if our mandate entailed that we should try to answer the objections as deputyship. We were asked to see this mandate in the broad sense of the word: formulating answers to the objections to the singing of hymns.

We have gone through all the objections received by synod through the 32 years of this deputyship’s addressing the aspect of singing hymns, and we have formulated and answered 15 objections to the Hymns. These are all real objections to the hymns given through the years. We did not discuss the objections against certain church polity procedures, as they are no longer relevant today.

Our sincere hope and prayer is that this document can help us to have an open and honest discussion about the topic, and especially also for us to see the broader purpose of our praise, and how the criteria and purpose of our Hymnal fits in with this broader purpose.

9.1.3. To include in the above document a summary of Synod 2011 model and criteria, to be compiled and distributed to each consistory.

This document is added at the end of the document on the objections to hymns (“Laat die woord van Christus ryklik in julle woon”), so that church members can see, after a broader discussion on the issues, how these principles are all already part of our church’s view on our hymnal.

9.1.4. To form a sub-committee with members of the Sotho-speaking churches, which will work on evaluating the Difela tsa Sione hymns and psalms according to Synod 2011 criteria with a view to standardising the songs. The missionaries should be involved in the selection process by the sub-committee.

At the Indaba we mentioned that we hope to tackle this mandate in a certain way, as this mandate has been part of this deputyship for many years now. Our idea was to first identify the songs that are being sung in the Sotho-speaking churches at the moment, and then take it from there.

As deputyship we could gather some of the songs that are being sung in addition to the *Lifela tsa Sione*. The Sotho-speaking churches do not only use hymns from the *Lifela*, but also hymns from other hymnals. They also sing hymns in a variety of languages, as the mother-tongue of the church members differ a lot. Often the missionary will explain the words of the hymn, as not all members understand the language of the hymn that well.

Unfortunately we could not receive a list of what songs in the *Lifela* are being sung as the pastors and missionaries of the Sotho-speaking churches do not work with a list.

We also contacted Prof De Visser to hear if there used to be such a list. In the past the missionaries evaluated the songs themselves before deciding whether or not to sing it in the worship service. There is no old list available.

It is a difficult task to evaluate the songs in the *Lifela*. We have made contact with the GKSA deputies in this regard, but have not received an answer from them. The only solution that we see is that we find a person that will be capable and trusted to evaluate each song for us, and give him remuneration for this big task. We as deputyship propose that the churches approach Jeremiah Mhlanga for this task.

We also want to mention that it could be possible to expand the hymns (if one has to search for hymns on specific topics) as the same melodies are often used for different hymns in the Sotho-speaking churches. In the past the Mission Team has started to look for hymns according to specific doctrines. This is a process that should be encouraged to continue.

As many church members in the Sotho-speaking churches use an app as the hymnal from which they sing, we could use the app to gather and also demarcate the songs for the Sotho-

speaking churches. This could be a good and practical way for the churches to have supervision over their hymnal.

9.1.5. To stay updated on developments regarding the 1936 Totius versification – hard copy and the mobile application – and ensure that, even if it requires a financial contribution from our federation, the 1936 versification remains widely available to all going forward.

A letter was sent to the “Deputate Gereformeerde Publikasies/CJBF” (GKSA), to the person of Marco Le Roux. Other contacts involved during the past years were Rev Gerard Meijer and Rev. Ronald Bain.

According to our mandate, the deputies wrote to the “Deputate Gereformeerde Publikasies/CJBF” about our intention to stay up to date with the developments around the 1936 Totius versification and the GKSA's digital application. We also indicated our willingness to support the GKSA/RCSA either financially or in other ways to ensure the availability of the 1936 Versification.

We wish the GKSA deputies the Lord's blessing on their work according to what was prayed by Prof JD du Toit's in the preface of the Psalm book: “Mag God hierdie arbeid seën , sodat die lof van die Here onder ons nie verstom nie.”

The Deputies GKSA acknowledged receipt and bring great thanks to our Heavenly Father for His mercy in their work. They do not meet often and must still give attention to our letter.

Due to the change of deputies in the GKSA, we experienced some difficulty in contacting the deputies.

9.1.6. To offer our assistance to the RCSA/CJBF in the form of IT expertise to further develop and improve the GKSA application, as it is being increasingly used in our federation.

Our letter to the GKSA deputies, mentioned under Mandate 9.1.5, also contained the content of this mandate. We still wait for feedback from them.

Another application, the "Hymnbook" app, written by Br Samuel-Anton Jansen is being used by several VGKSA members. The deputies were in contact with him and encouraged him to make contact with CJBF/GKSA regarding copyright and licensing. He had already made contact with Bybel Media before and also made contact with Marco Le Roux from the “Deputate Gereformeerde Publikasies/CJBF”. Br Jansen is still trying to set up a meeting with them, but it seems difficult to get all participants available.

The “Hymnbook” app is expanding and growing. Melody lines and melody audio has also been added to Psalmboek (Totius 1937) and Skrifberyming databases.

9.1.7. To ask churches to provide feedback on the 14 ‘Skrifberymings’ that were approved for testing, in order to report on at the next Synod.

Feedback was received from the VGK Johannesburg, VGK Pretoria and VGK Bellville. All of them are singing the new ‘Skrifberymings’ frequently. They agree that these ‘Skrifberymings’ are good additions to the treasure that we already have. The language is simple and it is easy to sing,

From VGK Johannesburg we received the following detailed feedback:

They highlighted the following ‘Skrifberymings’ as very useful:

- Sb 51 and 63 is an enrichment – we are singing Christ’s praises! Sb 51 can be used for advent or the birth of Christ.
- Sb 75 is prayer where Paul teaches us more about the love of Christ.
- Sb 53 and 73 is also an enrichment because it addresses the Christian life.

They mentioned that the following ‘Skrifberymings’ are less useful:

- SB 54 has a limited application range. It will probably only be used together with a sermon on Exodus 15, but this is, however, not a reason to exclude this ‘skrifberyming’.
- Sb 52 – It is not clear why this specific prophecy from Isaiah 43 was chosen to be included. There is a need for other ‘Skrifberymings’ or hymns of and about more prophecies from Isaiah.

In their feedback, the VGK Johannesburg asked that in addition to the 14 ‘Skrifberymings’ the following should also be included:

- Sb 76 and 79: These ‘Skrifberymings’ were excluded based on their difficult melodies. The suggestion is that it should be added so that the churches could try to sing it.
- Sb 70 – This ‘skrifberyming’ was excluded by the deputies because it is not adding to the ‘Skrifberymings’. It is about love as the fulfilment of the law and is not expressed in our other songs. It could be useful as confession of sins after the reading of the law.

For SB 70 we as deputies have suggested a better replacement: Lied 250 (Liedboek).

Recommendations to the next synod

1.1. To ask churches to provide feedback on the 14 ‘Skrifberymings’ that were approved for testing, in order to report on at the next Synod.

Grounds:

We as deputies did not receive feedback from all the churches. It will be good that we finish off this mandate, and try to get as much unity as possible in our hymnal choices.

1.2. To ask churches to provide feedback on the new Hymns that Synod will choose to add to our collection of hymns, in order to report on at the next Synod.

Grounds:

This is part of the process we follow to adopted new songs in our churches.

1.3. To bring to the attention of the church councils the document “Laat die woord van Christus ryklik in julle woon” - *Beantwoording van die Besware teen die Gesange* to use in the discussions with their congregations and to make available to the church members.

Grounds:

This is still a contentious and dividing issue in some of our churches. Also, understanding the purpose and focus of our Hymnal (collection of songs we sing) is very important.

1.4. To stay updated on developments regarding the 1936 Totius versification – hard copy and the mobile application – and ensure that, even if it requires a financial contribution from our federation, the 1936 versification remains widely available to all going forward.

Grounds:

This is a continuous mandate as to ensure that our Psalm book is available for use in our churches.

1.5. To stay updated on the developments of the new app “Hymnbook” as a possibility to use in our churches.

Grounds:

We have encouraged the developer of this app to secure the necessary copyright for using the material on this app. The developer does not yet have all the necessary approvals for all the songs that the FRCSA use (Psalms & Skrifberymings, new Skrifberymings, Hymns). This is a useful app to our churches, but securing copyright permissions is a vital step in this process.

1.6. To ask brother Jeremiah Mhlanga to evaluate each of the songs of the *Lifela tsa Sione* and to give us a short report on each song with a view to standardising the Hymnal of the Sotho-speaking churches. The Mission Team should discuss the report and make their recommendations as well.

Proposals:

Determine a fee for this task and set a time schedule for the work. The evaluation work of every quarter should be sent through to deputies, and this can then also be discussed by the Mission Team.

Grounds

It remains important that the Sotho-speaking churches are actively discussing this important aspect of the worship service, while also helping one another to be careful in what they select as their sacrifice of praise.

1.7. To make contact with the Sotho-speaking section of the GKSA deputies of Liturgy to learn from one another in our aim to find Psalms and hymns to sing the fullness of God's work.

Grounds:

We as churches have limited time and experience and it will be wise to learn from Reformed brothers who face the same challenges that we do.

1.8. To submit an interim report for discussion during an Indaba to be held end 2025 or beginning 2026.

1.9 To submit a report to the next synod and formulate recommendations according to Article 10 and 11 of the Synod Rules.

New deputies for next Synod

Unfortunately Rev. J van der Linden is not available for a deputyship due to work load and health.

Anita Kamphuis and Marthie Breytenbach are also not available due to an overload of other tasks.

May the Lord bless our discussions and work at Synod 2024.

With greetings in our Lord,

Marthie Breytenbach

Anita Kamphuis

Rev BA Matlaela

Rev GF Mnisi

Rev. J van der Linden

HOOP EN VOLLEINDING.

584 Ons sien die tekens van die tyd

Ons sien die te - kens van die tyd;
Hy kom, Hy kom, die Reg - ter!
Hy kom in krag en heer - lik - heid
en eis van al sy kneg - te
ver - slag van hul - le werk - saam - heid.
Die Reg - ter prys die trou - e kneg,
maar oor - deel tref die sleg - te.

- 2 U glans verskyn bo elke kruin,
die ganse aarde bewe.
Die dooies sal by die basuin
ontwaak, verrys, herlewe!
En dié wat leef op daardie dag
sal in één oomblik deur Gods mag
hernu word en verander.
- 3 Getroue Heiland staan my by –
my waarborg is u sterwe.
U spreek my van die oordeel vry,
dat ek u heil mag erwe.
Ek twyfel nie, U het voldoen . . .
Die bloed van Golgota versoen;
bedek my baie skulde.

Teks: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt 1582, in aansluiting by die *Dei signa*; I Raumbach 1934;
gevoersig Izak de Villiers 1978 / 2001

Melodie: *Es ist geschehen an der Zeit* - E15, geestelik Wittenberg 1529, ritmies aangepas 2001

- 4 Die Regter kom! Gods kinders wag
met vreugde op die tyding.
O kom! Want ook die skepping smag
na redding en bevryding.
Ja, kom! Ons roep dit vroeg en laat:
Verlos ons, Heer, van alle kwaad
en maak ons heilig. Amen.

52.—Ons buig ons voor u setel neer

GESANG 44

C. GREGOR

1. Ons buig ons voor u se - tel neer, Ons, Heer, en al u le - de;
 2. U het ons met die rang en moed Van ko - nings be - wel - da - dig,
 3. U is ver - hoog in heer - lik - heid Tot heil van al - le vol - ke,
 4. Hoe ras of traag die tyd ver - dwyn, Tog kom dié dag met luis - ter;


1. As Hei - land wil ons U ver - eer Met lie - d're en ge - be - de.
 2. Ge - wy tot pries - ters deur u bloed En ryk' - lik be - ge - na - dig.
 3. En een - maal in u ma - jes - teit Ver - skyn U op die wol - ke.
 4. Die lig wat aan die kim ver - skyn, Ont - waar ons in die duis - ter.

1. Ja, U, o Eerst' - ling uit die dood, o Lam van God on - skul - dig,
 2. Dat aar - de, o Heer, en he - mel - hof U roem as eew - ge Ko - ning,
 3. Hy kom, die oog van ie - der slaan Vol vreug - de of vrees Hom ga - de;
 4. Ja, hal - le - lu - ja, ja, Hy kom, Juig, men - se - en eng' - le - mag - te,

1. Moet al - le mag, hoe hoog, hoe groot, Met die - pe eer - bied hul - dig.
 2. U bring die dank en eer en lof, Die hoog - ste eer - be - to - ning!
 3. Dan sal ons jui - gend voor Hom staan En roem in sy ge - na - de.
 4. Ver - hoog sy Naam, ver - heer - lik Hom, Juig, juig met al - le krag - te!

70.—As ek, geknak deur sonde

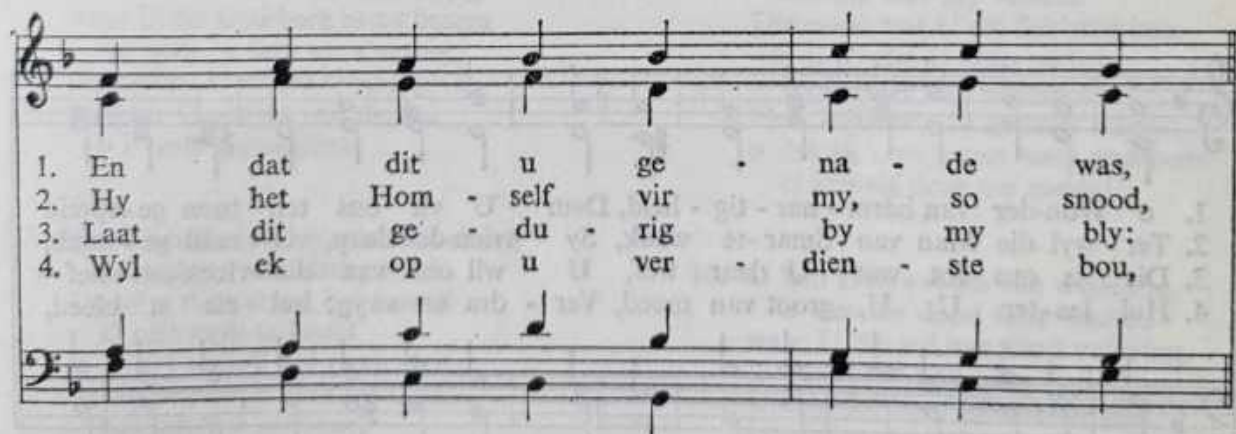
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1. As ek, ge-knak deur son - de, U by-stand, Hei-land mis —
 2. o Won-der son - der ma - te — Be - trag ons dit maar reg! —
 3. Heer, laat u bit - ter ly - e 'n Prik-kel wees vir my,
 4. Laat eind'-lik ook u won - de Niks van hul bal-sem mis



1. Laat my ge - denk u won - de, Hoe U ge - krui - sig is,
 2. Vir my was Hy ver - la - te, Die He - re vir sy kneg!
 3. Om kwaad te al - le ty - e Met me - ning te ver - my.
 4. In daar-die laas - te ston - de, En my dan ver - ge - wis:



1. En dat dit u ge - na - de was,
 2. Hy het Hom - self vir my, so snood,
 3. Laat dit ge - du - rig by my bly:
 4. Wyl ek op u ver - dien - ste bou,



1. Wat aan die kruis ge - dra het My he - le skul - de - las.
 2. Vir my, ver-loor-ne, son - daar, Ge - gee tot in die dood.
 3. Hoe - veel dit U ge - kos het Om my ver - los te kry!
 4. Sal U my nooit ver - laat nie, Tot ek U eens aan - skou.

IX.—DOOD, OORDEEL EN EWIGHEID

318.—Hoe sal dit dan, o dan eens wees

Gesang 181 (Mel. GESANG 178)

P. NICOLAI, 1599

1. Hoe sal dit dan, o dan eens wees, As ek, ver-los van smart en vrees,
 2. Ver-bly ek my, tog beef my hart—Hoe druk my nie die juk van smart,
 3. Waar-om nog so be-angs, my gees, Vir graf, en dood nog so be-vrees?

1. Ont-waak tot ho-ër waar-de; Nie meer ge-kwel deur son-dig-heid,
 2. Die vloek van son-de neer nie! Maar waar my God ver-lig die druk,
 3. In God is jy be-hou-e, Want Hy be-skik jou deel en lot;

1. Ont-hef van al-le sterf-lik-heid, Nie meer as mens op aar-de!
 2. My hart ver-sterk, ver-sag my juk, Daar kwel dit my nie meer nie.
 3. Die don-ker doods-weg voer tot God, Dit voer tot bly-e-aan-skou-e.

1. Wees bly, In my, Voel tot ster-king Hier die wer-king
 2. Je-sus Chris-tus, Leer my stre-we So te le-we,
 3. Dié rus, Gods rus, Gaan ons den-ke Al ons den-ke



1. Van dié le - we, Siel, aan jou van God ge - ge - we!
 2. So te ster - we, Dat ek eens u heil mag er - we!
 3. Ver te bo - we, On - uit - spreek - lik ver te bo - we.

4. Breek dan my laaste dag oens aan
 dat ek die doodsdaal in moet gaan,
 wanneer my einde nader,
 wanneer my lewenslig hier faal
 en donker doodsag oor my daal —
 vat U my hand, o Vader!
 Jesus
 Christus,
 hoor my bede,
 skenk u vrede
 in dié ure,
 vrede in my sterwensure!

5. Hoe sal dit dan, o dan eens wees,
 as ek, verlos van smart en vrees,
 Hom beter loof na waarde;
 volmaak in onbesmette deug.
 'n deelgenoot van hemelvreug,
 nie meer as mens op aarde!
 „Heilig,
 heilig,
 heilig” — sing ons;
 aan U bring ons
 lof en ere
 U wat was en sal wees, Here!



322.—Salig in die Heer te sterwe

Gesang 187 (Mel. GESANG 32)

P. NICOLAI, 1599

1. Sa-lig in die Heer te ster - we, Sy he-mel-heer - lik - heid te er - we,
2. Sa-lig wie op Hom ver-trou het, Wie op sy Woord hul hoop ge - bou het!
3. By die o - pe graf, o He - re, Sing ons u gro - te Naam ter e - re;

1. Die wo - ning deur Hom toe - be - rei! Sal ons vir die dood dan be - we,
2. Al druk hoe swaar die aard - se kruis, Aan die ein - de van hul da - e
3. U het die dood vir ons oor - win. In u ster - we lê ons le - we,

1. Die oor-gang tot die saal - ge le - we Wat e - wig on-ver-gank-lik bly?
2. Wag elk die woord van Gods be - ha - e: Wees wel-kom in die Va - der - huis!
3. Die heer-lik - heid, deur U ge - ge - we Aan el - ke son-daar wat U min.



1. Be - vry van aard - se leed, Dra ons die brui - lofs - kleed: Hal - le - lu - ja!
 2. Daar leef hul by die Heer, Daar son - dig hul nie meer: Hal - le - lu - ja!
 3. So droog ons by die graf Ons bitt' - re tra - ne af: Hal - le - lu - ja!



1. Voor Chris-tus troon Wag ons die kroon, En e - wig mag ons by Hom woon.
 2. Daar is geen nag, Geen rou, geen klag; Daar het geen son-de of dood meer mag.
 3. Sing Chris-tus eer En volg u Heer, Wat ook oor dood en graf re - geer!

235.—Die werk is Uwe, troue Heer

JOSEPH HAYDN

1. Die werk is U - we, trou - e Heer, Die werk, waar - in ons
 2. U self het soos die graan ge-sterf En in die graf ge -
 3. Deur ly-de en smart het U, ons Hoof, Die he - mel in - ge -

1. staan; En daar - om kan hier nim - mer-meer Die werk te gron - de
 2. sink. Laat ons deur U die le - we erf En uit u bron-wel
 3. gaan, En lei ook ons deur waar ge-loof Saam op die - self - de

1. gaan. Maar soos die ko - ring - kor - rel spruit As dit be - dek word deur die
 2. drink! Stuur uit u heil - ge - san - te, Heer, Al - om op aard', u Naam ter
 3. baan. Maak ons dan, Heer, aan U ge - lyk, Voer ons deur ly - ding tot u

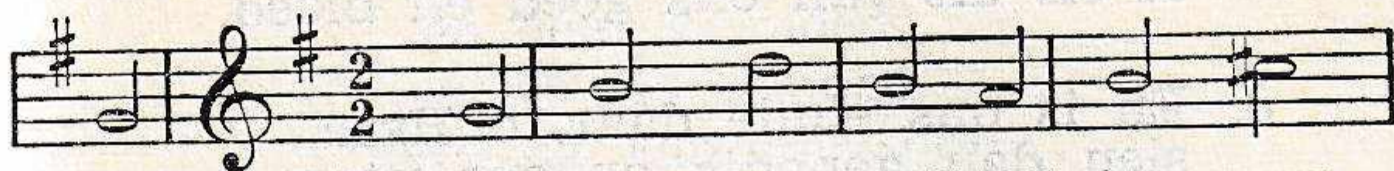
1. kluit En ster - we in die moe - der-skoot, So moet die ei - e -
 2. eer; U Naam vol heil en sa - lig - heid; Ook ons is tot u
 3. ryk! Rig op die kruis - weg steeds ons oog; Lei ons deur stryd tot

1. ek eers dood, Die self so snood, Die ei - e - ek, eers dood!
2. diens be - reid, Tot diens be - reid, Tot diens in leed en stryd.
3. lig om - hoog, Tot lig om - hoog, Deur nag tot lig om - hoog!

79.

GEBED VIR ELKE DAG.

(Ook op Wysie Ps. 14 of 23 of 45 of 53 of 64 of 100 of
104 of 131 of 134 of 142 of Ges. 83 of 84.)



Doh.

1. — O God, ons wil U im - mer -



meer In Chris - tus as ons Va - der



eer, En stort te - sa - me al ons nood



Oot - moe - dig in u Va - der - skoot!

2. O leer ons op u Woord vertrou,
ons, sondaars, aldeur daarop bou;
in eie deug vind ons geen steun,
alleen in Jesus, in u Seun.
3. Skenk ons, o Vader, in u trou —
hoe snood ons hart homself beskou —
die sekerheid: deur Jesus bloed
is al ons skuld voor U geboet!
4. Laat hierdie lewende geloof
ons liefde tot die kwaad verdoof,
dan vind ons daaglik groter vreug
in heiligheid en Christendeug.
5. Laat, HEER, tog u getuienis,
u Woord, wat ewig seker is,
ons alles wees in vreugde en smart,
die laaste ruspunt van ons hart!
6. Gee dat, o hoogste Majesteit,
ons hart steeds u teenwoordigheid
by al ons arbeid diep gevoel
en so u eer alleen bedoel!

7. Sterk, waar versoeking lok en lag,
ons bose hart tog deur u krag,
en gee ons tot die stryd steeds moed,
al eis dit van ons goed en bloed.

8. En is ons einde daar, o HEER,
sien dan genadig op ons neer;
laat dan, om Jesus dierbaar bloed,
u vrede heers in ons gemoed!

GEBED

282 Terwyl ons bid vir elke volk

Ter - wyl ons bid vir el - ke volk
deur U op aard' ge - plant,
hoër ons, o Heer, wan - neer ons bid
vir hier - die dier - baar land.

- 2 Ons ouers het in hierdie grond
gewerk waar ons nou woon;
wil soos voorheen u guns en trou
aan hierdie land betoon!
- 3 Wil elke vyand van ons weer,
gee vrede in ons land
dat voorspoed onder ons mag heers
as gawe van u hand.
- 4 Behou dan almal wat hier woon
in liefde tot mekaar,
en laat geregtigheid dié band
van eenheid steeds bewaar.
- 5 Gee, Here, vryheid in ons land
om U te loof en prys;
die ware vryheid van u Woord
aan elke mens te wys.
- 6 O Heer van nasies, aan u sorg
wil ons ons toevertrou;
ons wil die toekoms op u Woord
en u beloftes bou.

Teks: *Lord, while we all mankind we pray* - IR Weiland 1837; André Hugo en Gerjo van der Merwe 1970;
gewysig 2001
Melodie: ZORGJAN - Willem Zorgman 1978

GESANG 1

1

Hal - le - lu - ja, ons loof U, Heer;
 aan - bid U, Va - der, gee U eer,
 o Bron van al wat le - we!
 Ons roem in u barm - har - tig - heid,
 u wysheid, mag en ma - jes - teit —
 ver bo ons lof ver - he - we.

- 2 Halleluja, ons loof U, Heer;
 U daal in ons ellende neer
 in Jesus, ons Verlosser!
 Vir sondaars het u Seun gesterf,
 die lewe deur sy dood verwerf —
 ons roem Hom as Verlosser.
- 3 Halleluja, ons loof U, Heer;
 u Gees daal uit die hemel neer,
 maak onder mense woning.
 Hy wil ons troos en leer en lei,
 reeds hier op aarde voorberei,
 ter ere van ons Koning.
- 4 Ons loof U, Vader, Seun en Gees,
 ons wil U, Heer, gehoorsaam wees
 as dienaars van U lewe.
 Heer, drie maal heilig, hoor die lied,
 drie-enig' God, wat ons U bied —
 sing lof, sing al wat lewe!

2.—Die hoë God alleen sy eer!

Gesang 2 (Mel. PSALM 36)

M. GREITER (?)
STRAATSBURG

1. Die ho - ë God al - leen sy eer! Kniel voor Hom in aan - bid - ding neer -
 2. U, Va - der, sy ons lied ge - wy! Ons loof en eer u heer - skap - py,
 3. Gods een - ge - bo - re Seun sy lof! Hy bring ons van die he - mel - hof

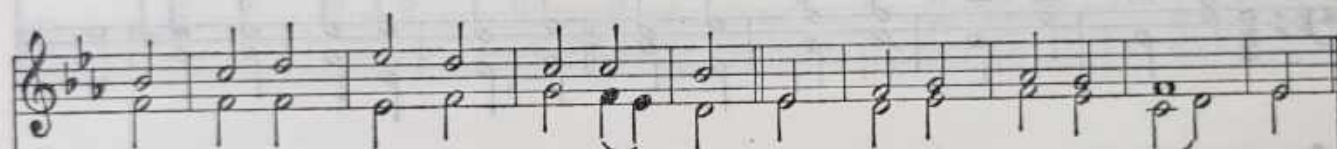
1. Elk is Hom dank ver - skul - dig. Ja, Hom wat ons so eind'-loos goed
 2. o Bron van lig en le - we! U gren - se - lo - se mag ge - bied
 3. Die ryk - ste se - ë - nin - ge. Sing Hom, ons hel - per in die nood;

1. Ver - sorg en in ge - vaar be - hoed, Moet heel die skep - ping hul - dig.
 2. En wê - rel - de ver - rys uit niet, Deur glo - rie - glans om - ge - we.
 3. Prys Hom, ons red - der van die dood; Roem Hom, o ster - we - lin - ge!

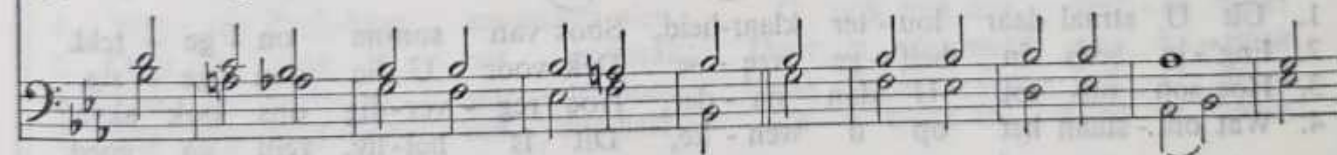
1. Hef aan, hef aan, roem sy ge - na! Hy slaan ons me - de - do - ënd ga,
 2. o Al - mag Gods, hoe groots u werk, Stof tot aan - bid - ding on - be - perk -
 3. Ver - los - ser, Midd' - laar, Hoof en Heer, Voor U kniel u ge - meen - te neer,



1. Hy skenk ons sy be - sker - ming. Sing dan die ho - ë God ter eer,
2. o Wys - heid, nooit vol - son - ge! Die groot heel - al lof - sing u Naam;
3. Lof - sin - gend in u wo - ning! Eens word die eer U toe - ge - bring,



1. Aan - bid Hom, buig u dan - kend neer—Loof God, loof sy ont - fer - ming!
2. Ook ons, o Va - der, loof U saam Met sta - me - len - de ton - ge.
3. U mag en heer - skap - py be - sing As hoog - ste, een - ge Ko - ning.



4. Die Heil'ge Gees sy eer en prys!
Hy skenk deur godd'like onderwys
ons sy onfeilb're leiding.
Hy, van ons erfenis die pand,
verleen ons deur sy eie hand
die ware voorbereiding.
O Gees van God, bestuur ons hart,
versterk, vertroos ons siel in smart,
skenk moed en krag in lyding!
So sal ons, na volbragte stryd,
eens smaak volmaakte saligheid
en ewige verblyding.

5. Bring aarde en hemel, bring u Heer
met heilig, heilig, heilig, eer—
besing die Hemelkoning!
Hy was en is en sal weer kom:
dan word die aard' sy heiligdom,
dan is by ons sy woning.

He - re, al u skep - pings - wer - ke
— gevorm in wysheid son - der per - ke —
was klaar; U het ge - sien dis goed.
Ook die mens, u beeld op aar - de —
be - stem tot diens van hoogste waar - de —
was rein in den - ke en gemoed;
deur U geskep, volmaak
vir el - ke dag se taak,
steeds ge - hoor - saam
— die man en vrou, hul roeping trou —
in al - les tot u diens be - reid.

- 2 Vry van sonde met sy bande,
 onskuldig aan die kwaad se skande,
 het hul u goedheid, Heer, geprys.
 In u wyse raad, o Here,
 is hul gestel, u Naam ter ere,
 daar in die aardse paradys.
 Daar was geen ramp, geen druk,
 maar volheid van getuk
 sonder einde.
 Die heilgenot het hul met God
 laat leef in skoon verbondenheid.
- 3 Maar die mens, so begunadig,
 met heil en goedheid so versadig,
 het swaar misdryf teen Gods gebod.
 Listig uit die hel oorrampel,
 het hy homself in skuld gedompel,
 en het verval in onheilslot.
 Die sondeval is duur,
 daardeur is ons natuur
 diep bedorwe.
 O droewe lot: vervreemd van God
 deur strikke van die skuld gebind.
- 4 Laat ons swyg, want ons is skuldig;
 wie mag die Here ooit beskuldig?
 Die mens is sondig, God is goed.
 Bring die sondeval ook smarte,
 sy heilsbeloftes troos ons harte
 en bring die rus in ons gemoed,
 want deur sy Seun se bloed
 is vir ons skuld geboet.
 Groot dié liefde!
 Hoe groot ons skuld, in sy geduld
 herskep sy Gees ons na sy beeld!

462.—Heer, u dienaar staan gereed

1. Heer, u die-naar staan ge - reed Om te spreek van heil en vre - de;
 2. Gee u die-naar lig en krag! Hier is die - pe sie - le - won - de,
 3. Laat u Gees ons vul, o Heer, Lei u kneg in al sy han - del,

1. Wel-kom wil ons hom hier heet; Hoor, o Va - der, ons ge - be - de!
 2. Har - te wat u troos ver - wag, An - der weer ver - strik in son - de.
 3. Dat ons steeds u Seun mag eer, Prys in al ons woord en wan - del!

1. Maak hom steeds u Woord in - dag - tig, Ons deur hom u heil deel - ag - tig!
 2. Sla - pen - des moet op - ge - wek word, Son - daars aan hul - self ont - dek word.
 3. Snoer ons met die nou - ste ban - de, Sa - lig in u lief - de - han - de!

DIE WIL VAN GOD

250 Gods wet vra al ons liefde

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a G major key signature. The lyrics are: "Gods wet vra al ons lief - de vir Hom, ons God en Heer, en lief - de vir ons naas - te - dis wat sy Woord ons leer."

- 2 O Heer, wil dan u liefde ook deur ons openbaar, dat ons mekaar mag liefhê en só u wet bewaar.
- 3 Veral omdat die tye ons dringend daartoe maan: Die Heer se koms is naby, dis tyd om op te staan.
- 4 Laat ons die werke af lê in duisternis verrig en vir die stryd gereed maak met wapens van die lig.
- 5 Laat ons welvoeglik lewe, geheilig deur die Gees, bekleed met U, Heer Jesus, gekruisig na die vlees.

Teks: E.C. Pienaar en E.H. Hartwig 1944; gewysig Gerjo van der Merwe 1978; gewysig 2001
Melodie: Die wil van God, geboortelied - P.K. de Villiers 1944

5. God, my God, ek buig met vreug my
voor u troon in ootmoed neer!
U verkwik, vertroos, verheug my
in die aanskyn van my HEER.
U, o Jesus, selfversaakte,
nooitvolprese en volmaakte,
maak my na u voorbeeld, HEER,
reg ootmoedig tot u eer!

68.

SELFVERLOENING.

(Wysie Gesang 157 of 61.)



Doh. 1.—Sa - lig om in ei - e o - ë



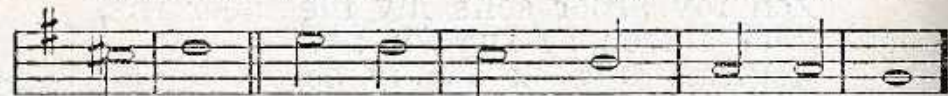
Ons ge - ring te ag voor God; Diep



af - hank - lik, in - ge - to - ë, Stil be - rus -



tend in ons lot, Nee - drig, kin - der - lik



en stil Ons te voeg slegs na sy wil.

2. Is ons eie wil afkerig,
en so dikwels kwaadgesind,
na u wil so min begerig,
waar ons harte rus kan vind —
werp die onwil dan, o HEER,
deur u Gees in ons terneer!
3. Wat ons is, al ons vermoë,
wat ons lief is, al ons lus,
die begeerte van ons oë,

ons genoeg en ons rus —
alles moet ons dankbaar-bly
aan die HEER ten offer wy!

4. Ons is gans en al onwaardig!
Els U dan u gifte weer,
nimmer is dit onregvaardig,
want van U is alles, HEER!
Dit is maar geleende goed
uit u milde owerloed.
5. U slegs is ons dank verskuldig;
en waar U ons liefste vra,
moet ons moedig en geduldig
selfs ook dié beproewing dra.
In u wysheid wil U, HEER,
alles tot ons beswil keer.
6. Vra ons dan wat goed of kwaad is —
Vader, U beskik ons lot;
wat die einddoel van u Raad is —
dit is alles goed, o God!
Lout're goedheid, wysheid is
wat die Wysheid self beslis.
7. Mag u Naam maar al die ere
in ons lief en leed ontvang;
wat U ook al doen, o HERE —
dit is al wat ons verlang!
Dis ons eer, ons saalge lot,
niks voor U te wees, o God!

69.

BROEDERLIEFDE.

(Wysie Psalm 21.)



Doh. 1.— Waar ons op aar - de ook



vro - mes vind, Is elk se doel en

277.—Heil'ge Jesus, my ten lewe

Gesang 62 (Mel. GESANG 32)

PHILIPP NICOLAI, 1599

1. Heil'-ge Je - sus, my ten le - we, Ter hei - lig - making my ge - ge - we,
 2. Hei-land, al u le-wens-da - e Was steeds Gods wil u wel-be - ha - e,
 3. Steeds ar - beid-saam el - ke ston - de Met he - ling van die smart en son - de,

1. Hoe heer - lik is u hei - lig - heid! He-mels - voor-beeld, al die luis - ter
 2. Voor Hom was U in al - les stil. O, mag al my le-wens-da - e
 3. Het U ge-help, ge - troos, ge - dien; Ja, U was te al - le ty - e,

1. Van eng'-le - hei - lig - heid word duis - ter By u vol-maak - te hei - lig - heid.
 2. Wat God be - haag, ook my be - ha - e, En ek my wil voeg na sy wil!
 3. o Heer, ver - vul met me - de - ly - e, En het geen tyd of krag-te-ont-sien.

1. o Heer, so on - be - smet, U is my hoof en wet. Heil'-ge Je - sus,
 2. Dat ek met al my lus Slegs in sy wil be - rus! Hoor my sug - te,
 3. Leer my dan el - ke dag Wat U van my ver - wag. Maak my waak - saam,

DIE CHRISTELIKE LEWE

1. O, hei - lig my Dat, U ge - wy, My hart en wan - del hei - lig sy!
 2. O, hei - lig my Dat, U ge - wy, Ek al - tyd on - der - wor - pe sy!
 3. O, hei - lig my Dat, U ge - wy, Ek in my roe - ping wak - ker sy!

4. Wat 'n liefde en mededoë
 en teerheid was daar in u oë
 en minsaamheid in u gelaat!
 Vriend en vyand, hoe onwaardig,
 vir elkeen was U hier volvaardig
 tot troos en hulp, met raad en daad.
 Ag, was die minsaamheid
 ook in my doen altyd!
 Dierb're Heiland,
 o heilig my
 dat, U gewy,
 ek in my omgang minsaam sy!

5. U, o Jesus, het onskuldig
 die skerpste leed verduur geduldig,
 met weervergelding nooit gedreig.
 Ywer mag by U ontbrand het
 as iemand Gods eer aangerand het,
 oor eie eer het U geswyg.
 In spot het U berus,
 vergewing was u lus.
 Liewe Jesus,
 o heilig my
 dat, U gewy,
 ek lydsaam en vergewend sy!

6. Heil'ge Jesus, vorm my lede,
 my kragte en begeerlikhede;
 maak my al meer Uself gelyk
 in my sien en in my wandel,
 dat in my denke, spreke, handel,
 in alles slegs u beelt'nis blyk!
 Hervorm veral, volmaak
 my hart, Heer, na u smaak!
 Heil'ge Jesus,
 o heilig my
 dat, U gewy,
 ek eens volmaak en heilig sy!