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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 <u>Morning prayers</u> (Rev. Albrecht Knoch, CALL coordinator)

Welcome

Prayer:

We praise you lord for the light of this new day, we praise you for all what you give us to share this morning, fraternity, solidarity, joy and hope.

Be with us in all we do and hear and say with your holy spirit. Amen.

In the Moravian Daily Texts of today we read:

Psalm 33,6

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Der Himmel ist durch das Wort des HERRN gemacht und all sein Heer durch den Hauch seines Mundes.

Acts 17, 25

Paul preaches in Athens:

<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Gott lässt sich nicht von Menschenhänden dienen, als ob er etwas nötig hätte; er ist es ja, der allen Leben und Atem und überhaupt alles gibt.

Creation by the word! – contrasting to the old stain glass window. which shows God as technician, Gods creation expressed by the means of the time (context) so also: God may use the instruments of today to create GOOD / wellbeing of all living.

But the biblical tradition speaks about Gods CALLING – his word giving life: ("How to do things with words"):

It is a CALL into life CALL to action

Our Responsibility as a response to what God is giving us and calling us for And also as a response to what our human brother and sister call us to do.

## We sing:

**Song** of the orthodox tradition:

AGIOS o theos -

Holy, holy, holy God – strong and immortal God – hear us God!