

### Watchword for the Week

God said,  
"This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18 OT p. 81

Anthem Chorus Debbie & Jean

St. Matthew 17:1-9 NT p. 25

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 448 \* Shine, Jesus, shine!

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 362 Heaven shall not wait  
(Hymn of the Month, March 2014)

OFFERING Medley of songs  
Please come forward with your offerings.

*I have a reason to praise the Lord in my heart.  
He's a miracle working God; he's the Alpha and  
Omega, he's a miracle working God. Alleluia.*

### AFFIRMATION of FAITH

**We believe in a bright and amazing God,  
who has been to the depths of despair on  
our behalf; who has risen in splendour  
and majesty; who decorates the universe  
with sparkling water, clear white light,  
twinkling stars and sharp colours,  
over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Light of the  
World; that God believes in us, and trusts us,  
even though we make the same mistakes  
over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus,  
to one another as brothers and sisters,  
and to the Maker's business in the world.**

**God said: Let there be light. Amen.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... we proclaim your greatness  
and sing your praise in the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We bless you for his holy birth... And here we  
offer and present to you our very selves, to be  
a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your  
acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are  
yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

**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.**

### BREAKING of the BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God: **Have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: **Have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world:  
**Grant us your peace.**

### COMMUNION

*(Please come forward to receive communion)*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 512 \* To God be the glory

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Make known to us the power of Christ, O God.  
**Make us eyewitnesses to your majesty.**

May we hear the voice from heaven  
that announces the presence of the Beloved.  
**Make us alert to your glorious presence.**

Shine with glory and power in our midst.  
**May we walk in your light until the dawning  
of the perfect day of your eternal glory.**

Let us worship God's majesty, glory and power,  
**in lives that are like hymns of praise. Amen.**

Hymn 189 \* Be still

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Children may leave for Kids' Church)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God, we stand in your awesome presence with  
wide eyes and open mouths for it is hard for us  
to take in your beauty and your majesty, but you  
bid us come and worship.

**May your beauty touch us and inspire us to  
go into our community as witnesses to your  
ability to light up all that you touch, and may  
we share your glory with the world.**

Forgive us, God, when we become blasé with all  
that makes you awesome, forgive us when we  
become used to the dazzle that surrounds you  
and when we fail to see your glory in all  
creation, draw us gently back into your light until  
we are grounded again in your love. **Amen.**

### WORDS of AFFIRMATION

Do not fear the voice from heaven, but hear the  
voice of Christ saying "Rise up, and do not be  
afraid!" **Thanks be to God. Amen**

# Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter.
- Today we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to receive communion too.*
- **Today's worship team:**  
**Duty Elder:** Justus Masa  
**Reader:** Herold Dehling  
**Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 140.16.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- **Next week's diary** – all are welcome!  
**Wednesday, 5 March** at 18:00 hrs.  
**ECC Choir** practice | Pauluskirche  
**Friday, 7 March** at 19:00 hrs.  
**Joyful Singers** practice | Pariser Str. 4-6
- Our **guest preacher** next Sunday, 9 March, will be **Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows** (United Church of Christ, USA). Pastor Jimmy will be in Gibraltar attending the Europe Presbytery.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on **Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco** and **San Marino**. More info at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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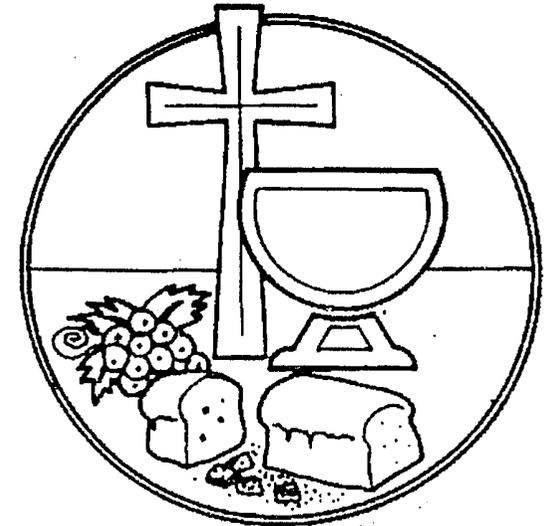
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Holy Communion

Transfiguration  
Last Sunday after Epiphany

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"  
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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