

### Watchword for the Week

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long." (Psalm 23:6)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

### WORDS of AFFIRMATION

Forgiven and renewed, receive the light and love of God in Christ and live in the new life of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

YOUTH CHORUS *This is amazing grace*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### CHILDREN'S TIME

*Blind man healed along the way,  
Jesus healed him, so they say.  
Loving is for every day,  
living always in God's way.  
Yes, we can follow; (3x)  
can follow in God's way.*

(After which children may leave for Kids' Church)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 5:8-14 *NT p. 244 (243)*

**Living the Story** *The man born blind*  
St. John 9:1-41 *NT p. 130*

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

**Hymn 555 \*** *Amazing grace!*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

**Hymn 512 \*** *To God be the glory*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

God generously supplies all we need; goodness and grace follow us every day. In response to God's love, we share with others.

**The light of Christ has shined in our lives; bless with light and love all those who benefit from these gifts, we pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see Notices overleaf)

YOUTH CHORUS *Lord, I come to you*

Lord I come to you;  
Let my heart be changed, renewed,  
flowing from the grace  
that I found in you.  
And Lord I've come to know  
the weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away  
by the power of your love.

*Hold me close.  
Let your love surround me;  
bring me near; draw me to your side.  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  
and I will soar with you.  
Your Spirit leads me on  
in the power of your love.*

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see you face to face;  
the knowledge of your love  
as you live in me.  
Lord renew my mind  
as your will unfolds in my life  
in living every day,  
in the power of your love.

### PRAYER for OTHERS

Loving God: **we give you thanks.**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 448 \*** *Shine, Jesus, shine*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul;  
he leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff – they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

**Hymn 462 \*** *The King of Love my Shepherd is*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

**Lord, open my eyes  
and open out my vision,  
so that I may be able to see  
that which I do not yet recognise.**

**Lord, give me a generous heart  
that surrenders itself to your word  
and dares to do  
what it has never done before.**

**Lord, I know that I can only live,  
will only then be alive,  
if I permit you to call me  
and to transform me.**

**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's worship team:** Gloria Akwen, Linda Barus, James Brown, Cynthia Ekokobe, Almandine Enoh, Serge Enoh, Derick Fonjong (duty elder), Debbie Hubweber (reader), Shirley Imafidon, Delphine Kamfa, Oliver Kazanecki, Caroline Kreimer, Charlotte Kreimer, Ingeborg Maiwald (organ), Justus Masa, Sone Nkumbe, Heinrich Ohlendorf, Astrid Puspita, Kelvin Rumende, Joyce Siebrecht, and Naomi Ujma.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 141.37.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- **The week's diary** – all are welcome!  
**Wednesday, 2 April** at 18:00 hrs.  
ECC Choir practice | Pauluskirche  
**Wednesday, 2 April** at 19:30 hrs.  
**Live the Story** workshop | Pauluskirche  
John 11:1-45 *Lazarus is raised to life*  
**Friday, 4 April** at 19:00 hrs.  
**Joyful Singers** practice | Pariser Str. 4-6  
**Sunday, 6 April**, 12:30 hrs *Holy Communion*  
**Worship:** Rev. Anthony Jones
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on **Brunei, Malaysia** and **Singapore**. More info: [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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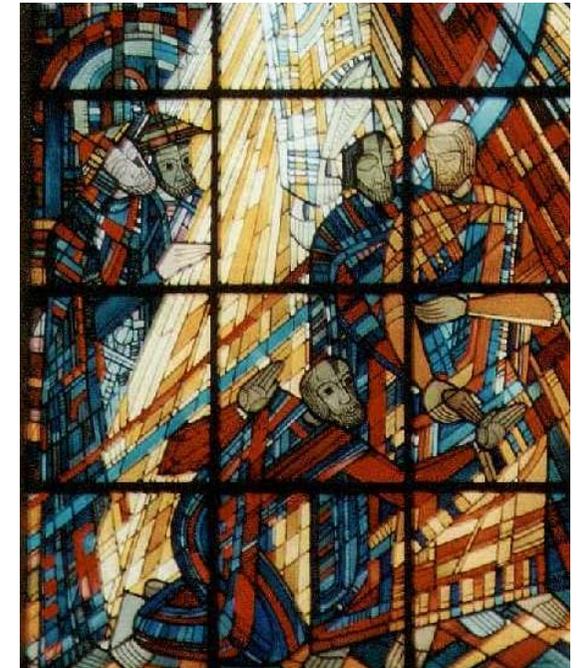
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*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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