

### Watchword for Good Friday

"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

Listen to the glad shouts in the tents of God's people: "God's mighty power has done it!"

**I will not die; instead, I will live  
and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Hymn 415 \*** *This joyful Eastertide*

(Verse 1: Choir; Verse 2: Congregation; Verse 3: All)

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

## PRAYERS of APPROACH

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

The shadows have gone  
and the day has dawned! **Alleluia!**

The stone has been rolled away  
and Christ is alive! **Alleluia!**

Our sorrow is turned to joy! **Alleluia!**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God of life, thank you for the message of Easter:  
for the affirmation of your steadfast love;  
for the presence of the One who overcame  
death; for the promise of life still to be revealed;  
**Thank you, God of life!**

God of life, creation shouts your presence, **but  
we do not always know where to find you.**

God of life, your Spirit is in all who love and do  
good, **but we do not always recognize you.**

God of life, your promises give us hope  
and confidence, **but we do not always  
understand or believe. Have mercy on us.**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person  
altogether; the past is finished and gone,  
everything has become fresh and new. Believe  
the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we  
are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**Hymn 194 \*** *This is the day!*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:1-4 *NT p. 254 (253)*

**Living the Story** *The Empty Tomb*  
St. John 20:1-18 *NT p. 144*

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

**Hymn 406 \*** *They crucified my Saviour*  
(Hymn of the Month, April 2013)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

**Hymn 410 \*** *Jesus Christ is risen today!*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED (Hymnary No. 628)

## PRAYER for OTHERS

Living Lord: **hear our prayer.**

## INSTITUTION and THANKSGIVING

God be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

... with your sons and daughters of faith in all  
places and times, we praise you with joy:

**Hymn 769** *Holy, holy, holy*

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

**Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's  
resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we  
await. Glory be to you, O God.**

...Restore the earth with your grace that is able  
to make all things new.

**Be present with us as we share this meal,  
and throughout all our lives, that we may  
know you as the Holy One, who with Christ  
and the Holy Spirit lives for ever. Amen.**

**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 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 peace.**

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

**Choir Anthem** *Christ the Lord is risen again!*

## PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift  
of our Saviour's presence in the simplicity and  
splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all  
who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we  
may faithfully proclaim the good news of your  
love and that your universal church may be a  
rainbow of hope in an uncertain world;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Hymn 419 \*** *Thine be the glory*

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

# 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:**
  - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Today we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to share the sacrament too.*
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €191.74.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Djibouti** and **Somalia**. Follow the prayer link from [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.



*Blessed be you, O Living One  
to whose tomb came women  
spice-bearing, to embalm your body  
and found you risen  
adding spice to our lives.  
Blessed be you, O Fragrant One.*



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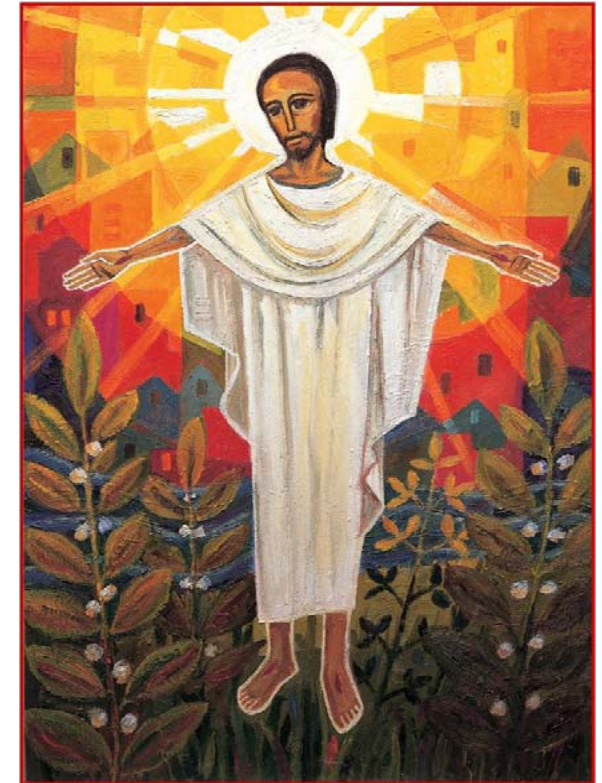
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## Easter Sunday

### Holy Communion

**"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

**Worship every Sunday at 12.30**

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