

Watchword for Good Friday

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 16)

Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety.
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; all the good things I have come from you."

I am always aware of the LORD's presence;
he is near, and nothing can shake me.

And so I am thankful and glad,
and I feel completely secure,
for you protect me from the power of death.

I have served you faithfully, ***and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.***

You will show me the path that leads to life;
your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure for ever.

Hymn 409 * *Jesus is risen, alleluia!*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

CALL to PRAYER and OPENING PRAYER

Peace to you this day, as you come through open doors; ***God's peace to you.***

Peace to you who hide behind locked doors; ***God's peace to you.***

Peace to you who come with more doubt than faith; ***God's peace to you.***

Peace to you who seek the path to life; ***we come, trusting God's goodness and grace.***

ASSURANCE of PARDON

People of God, fearful and faithful, doubting and dutiful, the Holy Spirit of God breathes life, healing and forgiveness into us. Receive God's peace and wholeness. ***In trust and joy we receive God's peace. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Hallelu- hallelu-, hallelu-, hallelujah,
praise ye the Lord! (2x)
Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah (3x)
praise ye the Lord!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:3-9 NT p. 294 (292)

Living the Story Jesus appears to his disciples
St. John 20:19-31 NT p. 145

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. He said:

LEFT: ***Peace be with you.***

RIGHT: ***Peace be with you.***

After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again:

LEFT: ***Peace be with you.***

RIGHT: ***Peace be with you.***

LEFT: ***As the Father sent me, so I send you.***

RIGHT: ***As the Father sent me, so I send you.***

Then he breathed on them and said:

LEFT: ***Receive the Holy Spirit.***

RIGHT: ***Receive the Holy Spirit.***

LEFT: ***If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven;***

RIGHT: ***If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.***

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him:

DISCIPLE(S): We have seen the Lord!

Thomas said to them:

THOMAS: Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said:

LEFT: ***Peace be with you.***

RIGHT: ***Peace be with you.***

Then he said to Thomas:

ALL: ***Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side.***

LEFT: ***Stop your doubting, and believe!***

RIGHT: ***Stop your doubting, and believe!***

THOMAS: My Lord and my God!

LEFT: ***Do you believe because you see me?***

RIGHT: ***How happy are those who believe without seeing me!***

In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

The word of God: ***"Peace be with you!"***

Hymn 528 * *Make me a channel of your peace*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 710 * *"I have a dream" a man once said*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, April 2014)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Every good thing we have comes from you, O God. Therefore, in all we do, in all we have, in all we use, in all we say, may we uplift your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYER for OTHERS

Lord of the cross: ***forgive us and heal us.***

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 804 * *You shall go out with joy!*

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:** Jimmimah Ujma
 - Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last week's offerings totalled € 286.35 (Easter Sunday) and € 155.15 (Good Friday).
- 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 **Eritrea** and **Ethiopia**. Follow the prayer link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **This week's diary** – all are welcome!
 - Wednesday, 30 April** at 18:00 hrs.
ECC Choir practice | Pauluskirche
 - Wednesday, 30 April** at 19:30 hrs.
Live the Story workshop | Pauluskirche
Luke 24:13-35 *Jesus breaks bread*
(This is the final session in the series.)
 - Friday, 2 May** at 19:00 hrs. (tbc)
Joyful Singers practice | Pariser Str. 4-6
- **RUB Worship** in English on **Tuesday 6 May** at 18:00 hrs in St. Augustinus Church, Kirchenforum, Uni-Center Querenburg.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Easter 2

"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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