

Watchword for the Week

"You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God." (1 Peter 1:23)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 116)

I love the LORD, because he hears me;
he listens to my prayers.

He listens to me every time I call to him.

The danger of death was all round me;
the horror of the grave closed in on me;
I was filled with fear and anxiety.

Then I called to the LORD,
"I beg you, Lord, save me!"

**I am your servant, LORD;
you have saved me from death.**

I will give you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and offer my prayer to you;
**in the assembly of all your people
I will give you what I have promised.**

Praise the LORD! **Praise the LORD! Amen!.**

Hymn 157 * *Sing of the Lord's goodness*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may leave for Kids' Church)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we gather with open hearts ready to receive the new life you give. Open our eyes, we pray, that your presence might be revealed in the community that is gathered here, and in the bread that is broken and shared.

Forgive us for the times we have imposed burdens of guilt or shame on others, instead of proclaiming the freedom that you offer each of us. **Father, forgive us.**

Forgive us for the times we have not offered hospitality to others, and for the times we have missed opportunities to meet you in one another. **Father, forgive us.**

Forgive us for the times we as a community of faith have turned people away from God.

Father, forgive us.

Forgive us when we exclude others; **remind us that your promise is for all. Amen.**

Hymn 359 * *He came down...*
(adding verses beginning: "He's risen...")

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Our God extends forgiveness to each of us;
frees us from the heaviness of guilt and grants us open and forgiving hearts. Our eyes are opened to recognize the presence of the risen Christ in each other. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:17-23 *NT p. 295 (293)*

Living the Story *Jesus breaks bread*
St. Luke 24:13-35 *NT p. 114*

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

Hymn 580 * *Abide with me*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 423 *I know that my Redeemer lives*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, May 2014)

The APOSTLES' CREED (Hymnary **No. 628**)

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 443 * *He is Lord, he is Lord!*

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 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:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Belinda Leppkes-Obi
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 138.46.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **RUB Worship** in English on **Tuesday 6 May** at 18:00 hrs in St. Augustinus Church, Kirchenforum, Uni-Center Querenburg.
- **This week's diary** – all are welcome!
 - Wednesday, 7 May** at 18:00 hrs.
ECC Choir practice | Pauluskirche
 - Friday, 9 May** at 19:00 hrs. (tbc)
Joyful Singers practice | Pariser Str. 4-6
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Sudan, South Sudan** and **Uganda**. Follow the link at 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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Easter 3

Holy Communion

"Pax intransibis, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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