

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus says "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."

(John 14:6)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Like multi-hued pebbles gathered on a beach,  
**so we come from many places.**

Like stones on a riverbed, smooth from life's  
surges or chipped in the world's torrents,  
**so we come worn and wounded.**

Like precious stones,  
chosen, crafted and valued,  
**so we come, cared about and loved by God.**

Like the stones of a building,  
**so God brings us together.**

Come, as living stones, into God's presence!  
**We come to worship God.**

**Hymn 200** \* *Christ is made the sure foundation*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are like a firm foundation for us,  
the One on whom we depend  
when we face difficulty and danger.

In times of new birth and growth, in times of  
uncertainty and risk, help us to trust in you,  
**for you know what lies ahead  
and our times are in your hand.**

In this time of worship,  
**show us the way of truth and life.**

Life-renewing God, we celebrate the events of  
Easter: the stone that was rolled aside, opening  
the way to life; the risen Christ who took the  
frightened disciples by surprise; the one who  
was rejected becoming the keystone.  
**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Father, generously giving us birth and new birth;  
you call us to come alive in you and to thirst for  
the spiritual nourishment you alone can give.

**Yet often our eagerness becomes dull, we  
fail to live like resurrection people, forgetting  
the life you call us to lead. – Forgive us.**

Christ, Cornerstone of the Church and of our  
lives; you call us to be living stones in your  
spiritual temple, loving and serving the world.

**Yet often, instead of being joyfully alive in  
you, we encounter the world with cold,  
stony-faced indifference. – Forgive us.**

Spirit, moving among us and in us, shaping us  
into the new people of God; you call us to  
proclaim the living God in word and in action.

**Yet often, we become static. We forget to be  
your movement, a pilgrim people living for  
and towards the kingdom. – Forgive us.**

### ASSURANCE of PARDON

Glory to God who lives in us as light, by grace  
satisfying our needs and in mercy giving us a  
new, bright hope! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME



**Hymn 204**

*I am the Church!*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(During which children may leave for Kids' Church)*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2:2-10 NT p. 295 (293)

St. John 14:1-14 NT p. 137

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

**Hymn 423** *I know that my Redeemer lives*  
(Hymn of the Month, May 2014)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 502** \* *Take my life, Lord, let it be*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

God is building us, as living stones,  
into a house of prayer: **We will live in trust.**  
God is forming us, in tender compassion,  
into a community of service to others:  
**We will live in love.** God is creating us, a holy  
people, into a temple of sacrifice and glory:  
**We will live in praise. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

**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 739** \* *The Church's one foundation*

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:** Ulrich Schwarz
  - Reader:** Gloria Akwen
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **This week's diary** – all are welcome!
  - Wednesday, 21 May** at 18:00 hrs.  
**ECC Choir** practice | Pauluskirche
  - Friday, 23 May** at 19:00 hrs. (tbc)  
**Joyful Singers** practice | Pariser Str. 4-6
  - Sunday, 25 May** at 12:30 hrs.  
**Church Anniversary** Rev. Bob Haworth
- **Pentecost worship** – all are welcome!
  - Sunday, 8 June** at 11:00 a.m.  
**Pentecost** joint bilingual worship
  - Monday, 9 June** at 11:00 a.m.  
**Pentecost** worship IKK, Pauluskirche  
*Korean, African, Indonesian, Finnish, ECC, etc.*  
*(International Church Convention: member churches of the Bochum Regional Convention)*
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Malawi** and **Zambia**. For details, follow the 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.



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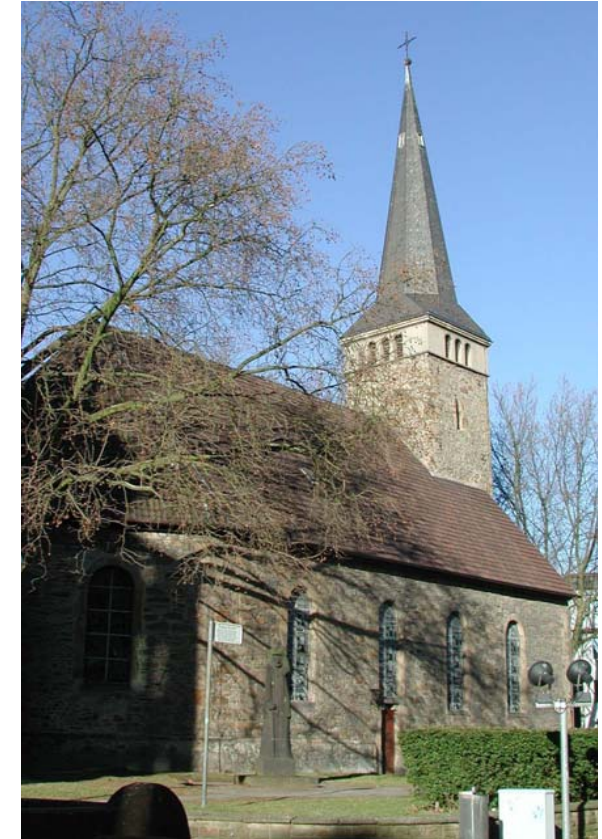
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## Easter 5

**"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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