

### Watchword for the Week

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 145:8)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 145:1-3)

I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king;  
**I will thank you for ever and ever.**

Every day I will thank you;  
**I will praise you for ever and ever.**

The Lord is great and is to be highly praised;  
**his greatness is beyond understanding.**

### Hymn 518 \* *Lift up your hearts*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Children may leave for Kids' Church)

### OPENING PRAYER

God our provider and life-giver, source of love and hope, maker of relationships, giver of beauty and gentleness, revealer of hidden things – in you we live and move and exist. You are our true home: **we praise you, O Lord.**

Hear us, gracious God, as we ask forgiveness for the hurt we have caused you, and the hurt we have caused those around us.

For the unkind words we have used and the things we have failed to do: **forgive us.**

For our unwillingness to forgive, while depending on your forgiving us: **forgive us.**

For our selfishness and greed, for our jealousy and pride: **forgive us.**

For the prejudices we carry and the way we accept the unacceptable: **forgive us.**

For the sins of our family, for the sins of our community: **forgive us.**

For the damage done to our environment, to our nation, and to our world: **forgive us.**

Compassionate God, hold us when we stumble, pick us up when we fall: **In Jesus name. Amen.**

### Hymn 262 \* *For the world and all its people* (Hymn of the Month, July 2014)

### ASSURANCE of PARDON

As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is the Lord's love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us. As kind as a father is to his children, so the Lord is kind to those who fear him. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Song of Songs 2:8-13 OT p. 664

St. Matthew 11:16-19 + 25-30 NT p. 16  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

### Hymn 404 \* *Lord of the dance*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

### Hymn 547 \* *What a friend we have in Jesus* (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### The APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### 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)

### PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

### Hymn 519 \* *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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:** Enid Meredith
  - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- 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 **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** features **Colombia, Ecuador** and **Venezuela**. For prayer details, please 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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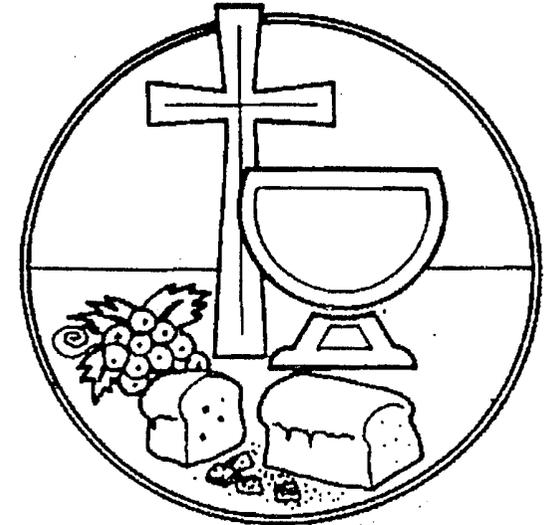
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Holy Communion

"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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