Watchword for the Week

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. (Psalm 145:9)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

This is the place and this is the time; here and now God waits to break into our experience: to change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways.

To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light.

To fill us with hope, joy, and certainty for the future.

This is the place, as are all places; this is the time, as are all times.

O God of this place and every place;
God of this time and all time;
here and now, we praise you.

Hymn 623 Here in this place / Gather us in (Hymn of the Month, November 2012)
(Children may gather at the large table for Kids' Church)

PRAYER of APPROACH

In the name of the Father; in the name of the Son; in the name of the Holy Spirit, Three in One:

God, make us holy, Christ, make us holy, Spirit, make us holy, Three, all-holy.

Count us not as nothing, O God; count us not as nothing, O Christ, count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit, nor abandon us to eternal loss.

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone; for all that we have done amiss.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Jesus, only begotten Son of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave; as we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, shield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high. *Amen.*

Hymn 106 Bring to the Lord a glad new song
(Hymn of the Month, August 2014)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

OT p. 35

St. Matthew 14:13-21

NT p. 22

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 212 * Morning has broken People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

The APOSTLES' CREED (Hymnary No. 628)

Hymn 673 * Let us talents and tongues employ (Offerings are gathered)

Hymn 807 *

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Offerings are brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Each thing we have received came from you. Each thing for which we hope will come from you. Each thing we enjoy is of your giving. Each thing for which we ask comes from your disposing. Amen.

INSTITUTION and THANKSGIVING

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.

... with the whole company of heaven we praise you in the angels' hymn:

Hymn 769 *

Holy, holy, holy

Now we celebrate the feast of our redemption... ... and is worshipped and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God 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)

Hymn 661 Eat this bread, drink this wine; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CLOSING PRAYERS

Hymn 266

God the Omnipotent!

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 vou are invited to share in this sacrament. Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to receive communion too.
- > Todav's worship team:

Duty elder: Justus Masa Reader: Heike Knüpfer Organ: Katharina Zentgraf

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 118.65.
- > 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 focuses on Canada and the USA. Please follow the prayer 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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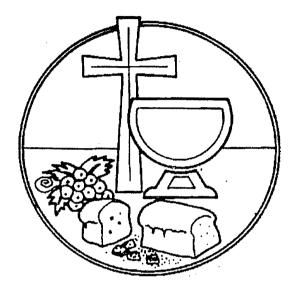
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Holy Communion

"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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