

Watchword for the Week

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget
all his benefits. (Psalm 103:2)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 114 and Exodus 15)

We worship God
who caused the sea to look and flee.
God is our strength; we will praise God!

We worship God in whose presence
the mountains and hills skipped.
God is our strength; we will praise God!

Tremble, O Earth, at the presence of
the Almighty, the One who turns rock
into pools of water and flint into springs.
God is our strength; we will praise God!

Hymn 110 * *Glory be to God the Father*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a
mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will
to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.
Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness;
yet you are slow to be angry with your children.
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our
Saviour, do not hold our sins against us, but
in tender love, forgive us.**

Hymn 493 * *It's me, it's me, O Lord*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILD DEDICATION / BLESSING

Cyniora and Cyniory Ekokobe

Chorus * *Count your blessings*

Refrain: *Count your blessings,
Name them one by one,
Count your blessings,
See what God hath done!
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord hath done.*

INTRODUCTION and SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and Psalm 139:13-16)
(Read by Sone Nkumbe and Cynthia Ekokobe)

PRAYERS, BLESSING and DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Church is the family of Christ, the
community in which we grow in faith and
commitment. **We rejoice in God's blessing
of Cyniora and Cyniory. We seek God's
grace to be a community in which the Gospel
is truly proclaimed to all. We will support you
and your children, and pray that through our
love they may come to know God's love.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Chorus * *My mouth shall sing*

Refrain: *Glory, Lord, I believe
You have laid down your life for me.
Jesus, every praise I receive,
Lord I give it all over to you.
Every song that I sing,
All my trophies I bring,
Lord, I give them all over to you.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 14:1-12 *NT p. 201*

St. Matthew 18:21-35 *NT p. 27*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 641 * *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

OFFERING

Joyful Singers *Medley*

*Please come forward to place your offerings
in the basket at the altar steps.*

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

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.

...we thank you, and join with angels and saints
in this joyful hymn of praise:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

... and be his faithful followers,
showing your love for the world.
**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour
is yours, almighty Father, for ever. Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER (Hymn 652 / 2b)

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS (Hymn 805 *)

Your kingdom come:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. 

Hymn 500

Lord of creation
(Hymn of the Month, September 2014)

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: Justus Masa
Reader: Belinda Leppkes-Obi
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald

- Today we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to share the sacrament too.*
- 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.

Diary for the week ahead:

Wed. 17 Sept.: ECC Choir 6 p.m. (Church)

Fri. 19 Sept.: Joyful Singers 7 p.m. (Halls)

Forthcoming events:

21 September Annual General Meeting (with Council Election and Pot-luck Buffet)

28 September Introduction of Council members during worship

5 October Harvest Thanksgiving Worship: Rev. Dr. Julius Ngwa, Bamenda, Cameroon

- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: the **Bulgaria**, **Hungary** and **Romania**. Prayer link from 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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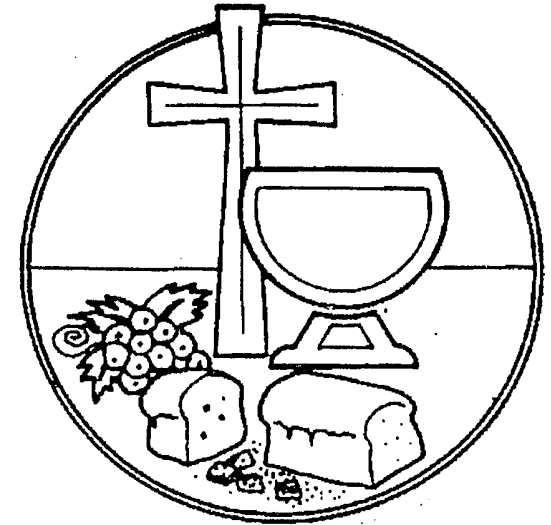
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Holy Communion
and
Child Dedication

"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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