

Watchword for the Week

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things.

(Isaiah 25:1)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(verses from Psalm 106)

Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good.

Praise the LORD! His love is eternal.

Who can tell all the great things he has done?

Who can praise him enough?

Happy are those who obey his commands.

Happy are those who always do what is right.

Remember me, LORD, when you help your people;

include me when you save them.

Let me see the prosperity of your people:

May I share the joy of those who belong to you.

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Praise the LORD! His love is eternal.

Hymn 157 * *Sing of the Lord's goodness*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

We rejoice, O God, our King, that you invite us, your Kingdom people, to celebrate with you and, through our lives, to play our part in establishing your reign of justice, love, and peace.

We rejoice that you extend an open invitation to your Kingdom banquet, calling saint and sinner, good and bad alike, to come into your presence; to follow your guiding and to live in your way.

And so it is we come at your inviting, bringing with us the worries of our days; our concerns for those we love; the burdens of our wrongdoings.

God, to whom alone we owe allegiance, we have not loved you as you deserve or served our neighbours as you have commanded.

In mind and heart we have been impure.

In word and deed we have been unkind.

In negligence and ignorance we have failed to act with righteousness and to work for peace and justice.

Forgive our sins and so fill our thoughts with what is true and honourable, just and pure, pleasing and commendable, excellent and praiseworthy, that our words and actions may be worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Our royal God continues to invite us to his feast, and is happy to fill his banquet hall with all manner of people. His love is eternal, his mercy unfailing, and he welcomes his children with open, forgiving arms. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn 65 * *Jubilate, everybody!* [repeated ad lib.]

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 32:1-14 OT p. 89

St. Matthew 22:1-14 NT p. 32

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 555 * *Amazing grace!*

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Melel
(Pastor, Indian Congregation, Krefeld)

Hymn 129 *The Lord is King! Lift up your voice!*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, October 2014)

DEDICATION PRAYER

God, whose overflowing grace has blessed us all our days, we give ourselves again to you. Use us for your kingdom's sake and grant us that peace, beyond our

understanding, which guards our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask it in his name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS (Hymn 805 *)

Your kingdom come:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. 

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 198 * *Let us build a house*

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Today's guest preacher **Dr. George Melel** (centre) is founder of the Diviya Jyothi Mission (DMI) and has been its European Director since 1996. George is Senior Pastor of the Indian congregation in Krefeld and a Board Member of the IKK (International Church Convention in Rhineland and Westphalia).

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:**
 - Preacher:** Rev. Dr. George Melel
Indian Congregation, Krefeld
 - Door duty:** Mary Otto
 - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Katherine Masa
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 1548.33.
- 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. 15 Oct.: ECC Choir 6 p.m. (Church)

Fri. 17 Oct.: Joyful Singers 7 p.m. (Halls)

Sunday, 19 October 12:30 p.m.

Guest Preacher: **Rev. Martin Domke**
Director of the One World Centre, Herne

NOTE: *Although Pastor Jimmy will be in Rotterdam on Sunday 19, preaching at the Scots Church there, he is in Bochum throughout this coming week and can be contacted as usual.*

- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal**. Follow the 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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"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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