

Watchword for the Week

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me.
(Psalm 43:3)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(verses from Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth should change; though the
mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
Though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God, the holy
habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be
moved; God will help it when the morning dawns;

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Hymn 454 *A safe stronghold our God is still*
(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are
hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may
perfectly magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord God, Holy and Immortal, we confess
that we have broken your commandments;
we have sinned by selfishness, unbelief, and
pride; we have not acted justly, loved mercy
nor walked humbly with you.**

In the fullness of your mercy, blot out our
misdeeds; in your loving-kindness, wash away
our sin. Give us a willing spirit and the
chastened heart you do not despise; and help

us to forgive others as you forgive us; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ECC Choir *Kyrie eleison*

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ECC Choir *Glory be to God on high*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *OT p. 767 (768)*

Revelation 7:9-17 *NT p. 318 (315)*

ECC Choir *"Almighty God, who hast me brought"*
Thomas Ford (1580-1648)

St. Matthew 23:1-12 *NT p. 33*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 694 *Brother, sister, let me serve you*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

The APOSTLES' CREED (**628** in Hymnary)

Hymn 749 * *Soon and very soon*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

INVITATION and COMMUNION PRAYER

God 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 proclaim your greatness and sing your
praise in the angels' song:

ECC Choir *Sanctus & Benedictus*

And here we offer and present to you our very
selves, to be a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit
for your acceptance, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Through him, with him, in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS

**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.**

WORDS of INSTITUTION

ECC Choir *O Lamb of God*

COMMUNION *(Please come forward to share)*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see Notices overleaf)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 740 v. 1-4 *For all the saints!*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Lord God, in the service of your kingdom,
grant us the peace we may have,
show us the peace we should seek,
and give us the strength to do without
the peace we must forgo for Jesus' sake.

(Peace Prayer, Scotland)

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** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to receive communion too.*
 - **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Melina Ujma
 - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
ECC Choir / Enid Meredith
 - Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 115.40.
 - After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- Diary for the week ahead:**
- Tue. 4 Nov.:** *Peace Prayers* 7 pm (Church)
- Wed. 5 Nov.:** *ECC Choir* 6 pm (Church)
- Fri. 7 Nov.:** *Joyful Singers* 7 pm (Halls)
- Sun. 9 Nov.:** *Worship* 12.30 pm (Church)
dedication of Joyful Singers' choir uniforms and special offering for music instruments
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.** For more details, 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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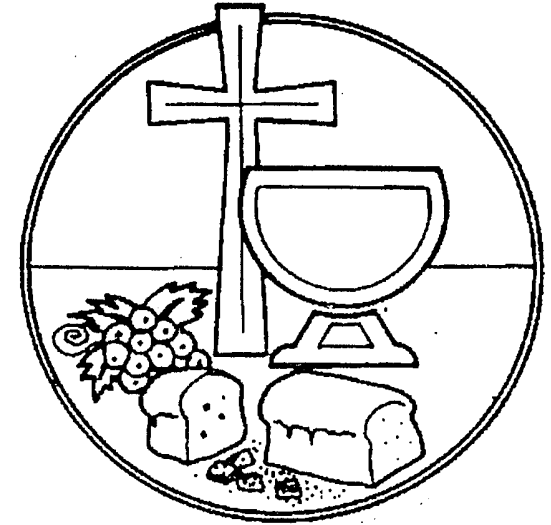
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All Saints' Sunday Holy Communion

"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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