

Watchword for the Week

Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Processional Hymn *Master, speak!* (See insert)

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(from a Hasidic song based on Psalm 78)

Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's Word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you. **God has spoken
to the people, hallelujah! God has
spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's Word. **God has spoken
to the people, hallelujah! God has
spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

What we have heard, we'll teach our children;
may they have ears to hear God's Word.
Let us through every generation
make God's wonders known. **God has spoken
to the people, hallelujah! God has
spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

Hymn *God is here! Revive the hearts* (See insert)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Our one desire is to learn from you, for you seek us, you lead us, and your grace is multiplied to meet our need. **Lord God, we adore you.**

Our one desire is to love you, in sincerity, with faithfulness, gathering all that we are to serve you in praise. **Lord God, we adore you.**

Our one desire is to obey you, in waiting, in keeping watch, preparing to respond in the moment you call. **Lord God, we adore you.**

O God of liberty, we cry out to you for freedom from all that imprisons us: the pride of soul which causes us to deceive ourselves; the corruption of our common values which causes unfairness in our dealings with each other; the ideologies of violence which lead to injustice between people: **Let justice flow like endless waters, and righteousness like a stream which never fails.**

O God of liberty, we cry out to you that we may be believed in the radiance of your wisdom, seek the unfolding of your righteous will, wait for your love present in every moment, and obey the disciplines of your grace, that your reign may be fulfilled in every place: **Let justice flow like endless waters, and righteousness like a stream which never fails.**

Medley I (See insert)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Our God is generous in wisdom, sincerity, hope, and faithfulness. And it is his wish that we too should be wise and sincere, filled with hope and faithfulness, and generous in sharing these gifts with others. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn 805 * *Your will be done on earth, O Lord*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

CHILDREN'S TIME "I gotta robe"

PRESENTATION OF CHOIR UNIFORMS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NT p. 258 (257)

St. Matthew 25:1-13 NT p. 37
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 278 *Wake, awake! For night is flying*
(Hymn of the Month, November 2014)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

OFFERING Medley II (See insert)

Please note: There are two offering baskets, one for our normal offerings, and the other for our **special offerings** to finance more music instruments for use by the Joyful Singers.

DEDICATION PRAYERS

We are called to serve you, God, and remain ready and certain on your word. May we remain faithful, full of endurance and hope in you. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Waken us, Lord: **to understand your love.**

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)

Hymn 516 * *We are marching / Siyahamb'*



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:**
 - Welcomers:** Astrid Puspita, Maria Mutiara, Charlotte Kreimer, Caroline Kreimer, Almandine Eno
 - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
 - Readers:** Delphine Kamfa
Nkengsone Nkumbe
 - Prayers:** Rose Siebrecht
Kelly Dielle
 - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
Joyful Singers Choir
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 166.33. *Please note: There will be two baskets today, one for our normal offerings, and the other as a **special offering** to finance more music instruments for use by the Joyful Singers.*
- 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. 19 Nov.:** **ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 21 Nov.:** **Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea**. 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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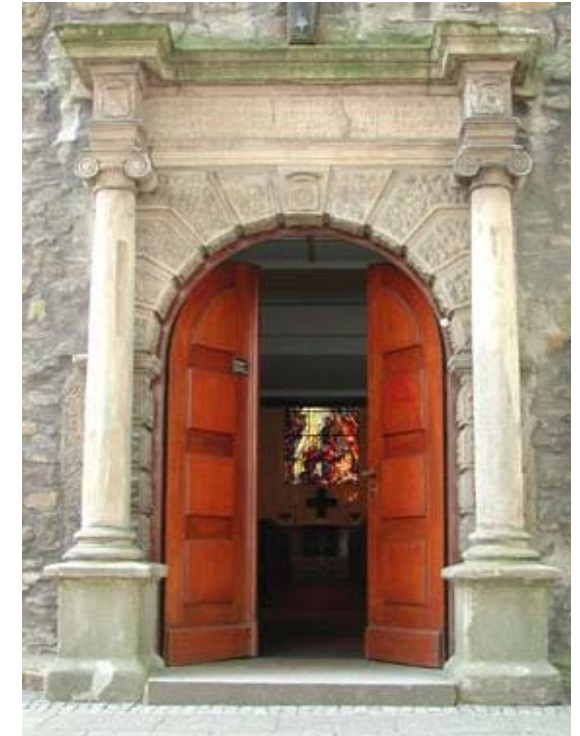
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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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