

Watchword for the Epiphany

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 72)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

May the kings of Tarshish and the isles render
tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

**May all kings fall down before him;
all nations give him service,**

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the oppressed and those who have no helper.

**He has pity on the weak and the poor,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen.**

Hymn 448 * *Lord, the light of your love*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may leave for Kids' Church)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Eternal God, yours is the glory, the majesty, the
power and the authority; and everything in
heaven and on earth is yours. **We worship and
adore you; we praise your holy name.**

In every age you have given to the human race
glimpses of your glory, the glory that was fully
shown in Jesus Christ your Son. For he is your
eternal Word, through whom all things were
made; and the Word was made flesh and lived
among us, **and we have seen his glory,
full of grace and truth.**

Eternal God, revealed to us in Jesus,
**we worship and adore you;
we praise your holy name.**

Living God, we are sorry for all that is wrong in
our lives. **Forgive our disobedience, our
selfishness, our pride, and, by your Spirit's
guiding light, lead us again to Jesus, that we
may learn from him and follow in his way.
We ask it for his sake. Amen.**

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison* (repeated ad lib.)

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn
the world, but that the world might be saved
through him. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 *OT p. 723 (725)*

St. Matthew 2:1-12 *NT p. 4*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 578 *Christ whose glory fills the skies*
(Hymn of the Month, January 2015)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

THE NICENE CREED (Hymnbook, No. 649)

INVITATION and OFFERING

Hymn 324 * *Angels from the realms of glory*
(Please come forward to the manger with
your offerings during the singing of this hymn.
Pledge cards may also be 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.

Living God, we acclaim you, majestic in
holiness, worthy of praise ... Therefore with all
your people, and with the whole company of
heaven we praise you in the angels' hymn:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*
Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words,
"You are holy, Lord."

Now we celebrate ... through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who lives and reigns 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

AGNUS DEI

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)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn 132 * *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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** – 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.**
- **Covenant Sunday:** Today and throughout January you can pledge your giving to the ECC for 2015. Fill out the **enclosed pledge card** and place it in the offering basket.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Bible Study Series** “The well is deep” #1 on Tuesday 20 January at 19:30 hrs in the Kirchencafé. Texts: Genesis 24:10-33, Psalm 42, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, John 4:1-4
- **Christian Unity Sunday** will be celebrated on 25 January at 12:30 hrs.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, and Iraq.** For further details, please click the prayer link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **European Youth Presbytery 2015** for young people aged 18-26 will meet in London from 14-15 (or 21-22) February. *Let Pastor Jimmy know if you wish to attend.*
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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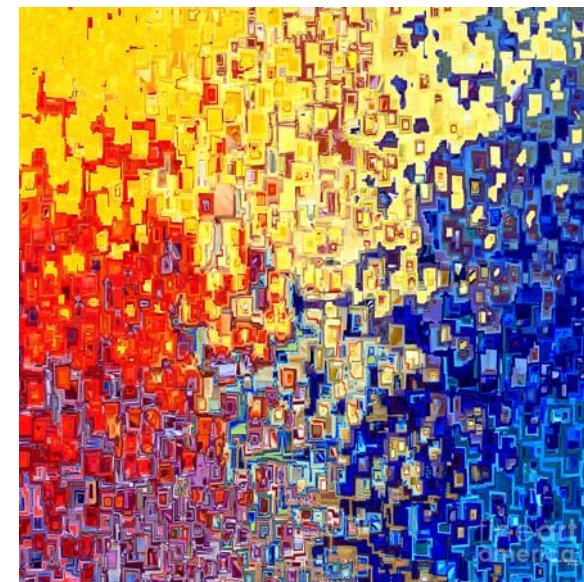
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“Jesus Christ, the Light of the World”
(Mark Lawrence)

Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion

“Pax intransibilibus, salus exeuntibus”

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30