

### Watchword for the Week

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour." (Psalm 29:2)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Psalm 29)

Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;  
praise his glory and his power.

**Praise the LORD's glorious name; bow down before the Holy One when he appears.**

The voice of the LORD is heard on the seas;  
the glorious God thunders:

**The voice of the LORD echoes over the ocean and is heard in all its majesty and might.**

**Hymn 147** 1-2\* *All creatures of our God*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,  
even the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes the mounts of Lebanon jump like calves and Mount Hermon like a young bull.**

The voice of the LORD makes the lightning flash.

**His voice makes the desert shake; he shakes the desert of Kadesh.**

**Hymn 147** 3-4\* *Cool flowing water*

The LORD's voice shakes the oaks and strips the leaves from the trees, **while everyone in his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"**

The LORD rules over the deep waters;  
he rules as king for ever.

**The LORD gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.**

**Hymn 147** 5-7\* *And all who are of tender heart*

## OPENING PRAYER

We worship God the Father,  
running to welcome us as we hesitate;  
throwing around us the everlasting arms of love;  
celebrating our presence here.

**God our Father, You are here.**

We rejoice in the Father's promise:

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.**

## Chorus

*Father, we adore you*

*Father, we adore you;  
lay our lives before you!  
How we love you!*

We worship God the Son, eating and laughing,  
healing and forgiving, dying and rising.

**Jesus, Son of God, You are here.**

We rejoice in the Son's promise:

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.**

## Chorus

*Jesus, we adore you*

*Jesus, we adore you;  
lay our lives before you!  
How we love you!*

We worship God the Spirit,  
Life-Giving Breath of God  
Coming like a Gentle Dove or Wild Wind  
Around us, between us and within us.

**Holy Spirit of God, You are here.**

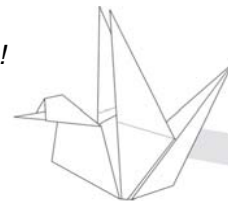
We rejoice in the Spirit's promise:

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.**

## Chorus

*Spirit, we adore you*

*Spirit, we adore you;  
lay our lives before you!  
How we love you!*



## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

OT p. 3

St. Mark 1:4-11

NT p. 45

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 619+620 \***

*Spirit of the living God*

## SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 578** (2) *Christ whose glory fills the skies*  
*(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*  
(Hymn of the Month, January 2015)

## DEDICATION PRAYER

All around us, life conspires

to trip us up and bring us down.

But God says: **"You are my beloved child!"**

Even those who love us  
sometimes expect so little from us.

But God says: **"You are my beloved child!"**

We emerge from the waters of baptism  
cleansed and renewed.

And God says: **"You are my beloved child!"**

So with heads held high and with full hearts  
we live into that baptismal promise.

And God says: **"You are my beloved child!"**

## NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Spirit of God: **fill us to overflowing.**

**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 283**

*The voice of God goes out*  
(Tune **Woodlands**, No. 622)

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*.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously**. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 209.52.
- **Pledge cards** for 2015 can be returned throughout January. Put your completed **Covenanting** and/or **Sharing Time and Talents** slips in the offering basket.
- Belinda Leppkes-Obi will be giving **special thanksgiving** during today's worship.
- 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. 14 Jan.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)  
**Fri. 16 Jan.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **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: **Cyprus, Greece and Turkey**. Please follow the prayer link from [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://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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The Baptism of Christ (Mosaic, ca. 490 AD)  
(Battistero degli Ariani, Ravenna, Italy)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after  
the Epiphany

"Pax intransibis, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30