

### Watchword for the Week

Trust in him at all times; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:8)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 62:5-12)

In silence my soul thirsts for God;  
for God alone I wait.

My enemies may chase me down,  
love shields me from their hate.

**God is my rock, God is my strength,  
God is my salvation, my refuge,  
my abiding peace.**

In stillness I pour out my fears,  
the solitude builds trust.

My refuge rests in God's great grace,  
my anxious thoughts are hushed.

**God is my rock, God is my strength,  
God is my salvation, my refuge,  
my abiding peace.**

In quietness my Lord conferred  
two truths I now declare:

No greater love than God's is known,  
no power can compare.

**God is my rock, God is my strength,  
God is my salvation, my refuge,  
my abiding peace.**

## Hymn 189 \*

*Be still*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

## OPENING PRAYER

Merciful Lord, your Spirit hovered  
over the waters of Creation  
where diversity sprouted and flourished.  
We confess our difficulty  
to live with legitimate differences.  
Forgive us those attitudes of mind,  
works and actions that do violence  
to unity in diversity.

## Chorus

*Señor, ten piedad* ("Misa Cubana")

*Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.  
Christo, ten piedad de nosotros.  
Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.  
Sí, ten piedad de nosotros.*

*O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Yes, have mercy upon us.*

Merciful Christ, grace and joy of  
the multitude, listener and teacher,  
you give birth to new visions of hope  
and heal the wounds of mind and body.  
We confess that we have failed to listen to  
voices different from our own, failed to say  
words that bring healing and hope, and we  
have perpetuated exclusive attitudes to  
those who cry out for solidarity and fellowship.

## Chorus

*Señor, ten piedad* ("Misa Cubana")

Merciful Lord, you are the source of all creation,  
the Eternal and the life-giving Word.  
We confess that we do not listen to  
your creation that groans and cries out  
for liberation and renewal.  
Help us to walk together and  
to hear your voice in all living things that  
suffer and yearn for healing and care.

## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Our God is a fountain of mercy and grace,  
pouring out pardon over us. May God's love  
transform us into a source of living waters to  
restore the strength of the people. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

St. John 4:1-42

NT p. 120

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

## Hymn 462 \* *The King of Love my Shepherd is*

## SERMON

Rev. Evalina Pasaribu

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

## DEDICATION PRAYER

**God, present with us and walking in our midst, grant us this day the grace of your light and Spirit so that we may continue our mission and remain faithful to welcoming and listening to all, even those who are different from ourselves.**

**Take away the violence that is in our hearts and the discriminating attitudes that exclude and devalue the human dignity of others.**

**Enable our churches to be welcoming spaces where feast and forgiveness, joy and tenderness, strength and faith become our daily practice, our daily food, our daily movement forward in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response (Hymn 805):

Hear us, God of love! Hear this, our cry:  
**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 448 \*

*Shine, Jesus, shine*

## 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's worship team:**
  - Preacher:** Rev. Evalina Pasaribu (Indonesian Christian Church)
  - Duty Elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Debbie Hubweber
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Today's **Christian Unity Sunday** worship includes material prepared by the National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 121.40.
- Today is your final opportunity to return **Pledge cards** for 2015. Put your completed **Covenanting** and/or **Sharing Time and Talents** slips in the offering basket.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
  - Tues. 27 Jan.: Bible Study** 7.30 pm (Halls) Session #2: Genesis 29:1-14, Psalm 137, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, John 4:5-6
  - Wed. 28 Jan.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
  - Fri. 30 Jan.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.** More info at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://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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A woman of Ramala, Palestine; From an old postcard

## Christian Unity Sunday

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30