

Watchword for the Week

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:8)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

God the Spirit, you come into our lives, transforming, renewing and strengthening, guiding us into Christ's way. You call us into the life of faith and gather us into the body of Christ: **to you be all glory and praise.**

God of our salvation, your Son fasted for forty days in the desert and, when he faced temptation, he triumphed over it.

We confess that, unlike Jesus, we yield to temptation and sin.

We confess our preoccupation with material things, with money and food and possessions.

We admit that our ears have been deaf to your call and that we have not been obedient to your words.

We confess our reluctance to live by faith, our longing to know all the answers.

We admit that our spirits have longed for security and that we have not trusted fully in you.

We confess our obsession with greatness and strength, with wealth and renown and success.

We admit that our eyes have been dazzled by power and that we have not sought to serve you alone.

God of our salvation, forgive us all our sins. Lead us in your truth and teach us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 493 * *It's me, it's me, O Lord*

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Word of Grace: Thus says the Lord:

You have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your iniquities.

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17 *OT p. 10*

St. Mark 1:9-15 *NT p. 46*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 338 *Jesus, tempted in the desert*

SERMON *Rev. Horst Grabski*

Hymn 547 * *What a friend we have in Jesus
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

As Christ was called by God, so we are called to be spirit-touched people, the bearers of a good news that flows into all the corners of the world.

Where there is conflict and war,

may we live, work and pray for peace.

Where there is heartbreak and sorrow,

may we live, work and pray for relief.

Where there is illness and disease,

may we live, work and pray for healing.

In Jesus' name we pray: **Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

With our God: **all things are possible.**

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 458 (1) *At the name of Jesus*

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

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 25:1-10)

To you, O Lord, I offer my prayer;
in you, my God, I trust.

**Save me from the shame of defeat;
don't let my enemies gloat over me.**

Teach me your ways, O Lord;
make them known to me.

**Teach me to live according to your truth,
for you are my God, who saves me.
I will always trust in you.**

Remember, O Lord, your kindness and constant love which you have shown from long ago.

Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.

In your constant love, remember me, Lord.

The Lord teaches sinners the path they should follow. He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.

With faithfulness and love he leads all who keep his covenant and obey his commands.

Hymn 167 * *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

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

PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

God immortal, God invisible, God beyond our human thought, **to you be all glory and praise.**

God the Father, you made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. In love and grace you sent your Son to be our Saviour: **to you be all glory and praise.**

God the Son, for our salvation you came to this earth and lived a life of love.

You died on the cross, rose from the dead, and promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit:

to you be all glory and praise.

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. Horst Grabski
 - Welcomer:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Duty Elder:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Joe Di Luzio
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 177.31.
- 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. 24 Feb: Bible Study** 7.30 pm (Halls)
Session #6: Exodus 2:15-22, Psalm 91, 1 John 4:16-21, John 4:11-15
 - Wed. 25 Feb.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 27 Feb.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- A **Safeguarding seminar** for members of the Kids' Church team will be held next **Sunday, 1 March, starting 14:30 hrs.** Rev. Jim Sharp from Geneva and Ms Julie Gardner from Brussels will lead the seminar.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Germany** and **France**. More information is available via the link at: 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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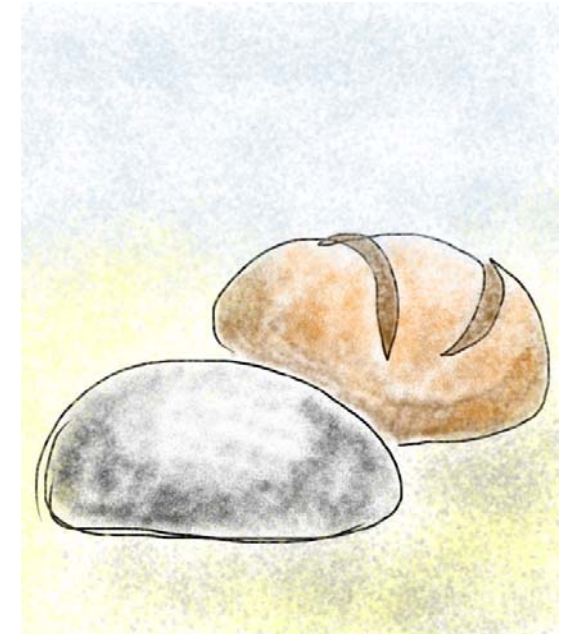
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Lent 1

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30