Watchword for the Week

God says, "I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations." (Genesis 17:7) (Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 22:23-31)

Praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord!

Honour him, you descendants of Jacob!

Worship him, you people of Israel!

He does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering; *he does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help.*

In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done; in the presence of those who worship you I will offer the sacrifices I promised. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

All nations will remember the Lord; future generations will serve him. From every part of the world they will turn to him; all peoples will worship him.

Hymn 198 * Let us build a house People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*) (Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

PRAYER of APPROACH

In the name of the Father; in the name of the Son; in the name of the Holy Spirit, Three in One:

God, make us holy, Christ, make us holy, Spirit, make us holy, Three, all-holy.

Count us not as nothing, O God; count us not as nothing, O Christ, count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit, nor abandon us to eternal loss.

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone; for all that we have done amiss.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Jesus, only begotten Son of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave; as we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, shield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high. *Amen.*

Hymn 65 * *Jubilate, everybody* [repeated ad lib]

SCRIPTURE READINGS 🛄

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

OT p. 16

St. Mark 8:31-38

NT p. 57

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God – *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn 347

Unless a single grain of wheat (Hymn of the Month, March 2015)

SERMON

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INVITATION

OFFERING

Hymn 533 * Will you come and follow me? (Offerings are gathered and 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.**

... with the whole company of heaven we praise you in the angels' hymn:

Hvmn 769 *

Holy, holy, holy

Now we celebrate the feast of our redemption... ... 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

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)

Hymn 661 Eat this bread, drink this wine; come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CLOSING PRAYERS

Hymn 555 *

Amazing grace!

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:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Jim Sharp, Geneva

Duty Elder: Herold Dehling

Kingsley Marcus Sarpong Reader:

Ingeborg Maiwald Organ:

- > Our offering during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 153.30.
- > 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. 3 Mar.: Bible Study 7.30 pm (Halls) Session #7: Numbers 20:1-11. Psalm 119:10-20, Romans 15:2-7, John 4:7-15 Wed. 4 Mar.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church) Fri. 6 Mar.: Jovful Singers 7 pm (Halls)

- > A Safeguarding seminar for members of the Kids' Church team will be held todav. Rev. Jim Sharp from Geneva and Ms Julie Gardner from Brussels will lead the seminar.
- > Ecumenical Prayer Cycle for this week: Liechtenstein. Switzerland. Austria. Andorra, Monaco and San Marino. More information at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Next week's quest preacher is Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows (UCC). Marking International Women's Day, women of our congregation will share in the leadership of worship.
- > Please switch all mobile **phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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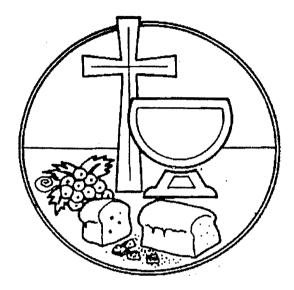
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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30