

Watchword for the Week

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
(1st Corinthians 15:20)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 577 * *Christ be beside me*
(Children may go to the back table for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READING 
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

Acts 10:34-43 *NT p. 162 (161)*

ECC Choir *This joyful Eastertide*

St. Mark 16:1-8 *NT p. 70*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Lord is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn 406 * *They crucified my Saviour*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

The NICENE CREED (Hymnary **No. 649**)

Hymn 412 *The strife is o'er, the battle done*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, April 2015)

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Now we celebrate the feast of our redemption, and proclaim the death of Jesus and announce his resurrection and ascension until he comes in glory ... 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

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 419 * *Thine be the glory*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSES (from Psalm 118)

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

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Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good, and his love is eternal. Let the people of Israel say, "His love is eternal." **Let the priests of God say, "His love is eternal." Let all who worship him say, "His love is eternal."**

Open to me the gates of the Temple;
I will go in and give thanks to the Lord!
**This is the gate of the Lord;
only the righteous can come in.**

I praise you, Lord, because you heard me,
because you have given me the victory.
**The stone which the builders
rejected as worthless turned out
to be the most important of all.**

ECC Choir *Christ is our cornerstone!*

This was done by the Lord;
what a wonderful sight it is!
**This is the day of the Lord's victory;
let us be happy, let us celebrate!**

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Hymn 410 * *Jesus Christ is risen today*

EASTER PRAYER

Response (second section of the prayer):
Gracious God: **forgive us.**

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.*
- **Today's worship team:**
Duty elder: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
Reader: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €211.69.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **East Timor, Indonesia** and **the Philippines**. More information via: 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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"Red Dawn" ('digital glasswork')
Source: Stushie Art, East Tennessee

Easter Sunday

"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30