

### Watchword for the Week

See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are. (1 John 3:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### OPENING RESPONSES

People of God, why are you here?

**We are here to rejoice in the God of love,  
to seek forgiveness,  
to calm our fears and doubts,  
to learn more about the rule of  
righteousness,  
to open our minds to God.**

Surely this gladdens the heart of God!

You are very welcome here.

Together we are called to this place:

Called **to be giants**;

Called **to be children**;

Called **to be true**;

Called **to be righteous**;

Called **to be God's**;

Called **to be loved**.

**Hymn 185 \*** *Come, children, join and sing*

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

### PRAYER of APPROACH

This Easter you come to us:

In unexpected places,

In a crowded room,

In a journey on a dusty road,

In conversation,

In the stillness.

You come in the midst of our doubt,

our fear, our sorrow;

You come in the power of the resurrection;

No pain and suffering is unknown to you.

You bring us peace – and we pray

for the places where there is no peace:

**Countries torn by war;**

**Refugees seeking homes;**

**Prisoners facing torture.**

You bring peace –

Peace to the tensions and conflicts within us:

**to the regrets, the failure,  
the broken relationships,  
the lost friendships.**

You bring peace, for you are a friend to us:

**when we are alone,  
when we are lonely,  
unseen you are there.**

You bring us peace, **and we pray**

**that we too may become peacemakers.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE (St. John 1:12-13)

“To those who receive him and believe in him,  
Christ gives the right to become God's children;  
not by natural means, that is by being born as  
the children of a human father; God himself is  
their Father.” **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



שְׁלוֹם  
Shalom

**Hymn 83 \*** *I rejoice when I heard (Shalom)*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 3:1-7

NT p. 305 (302)

St. Luke 24:36-48

NT p. 115

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God!**



הַלְלוּיָהּ  
Hallelujah

**Hymn 423 \*** *I know that my Redeemer lives*  
(Hymn of the Month, May 2014)

REFLECTION “Imaging God”  
Rev. James Brown

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

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**Living God, to you no door is closed  
and no heart locked. Free us from our  
doubts. Let us see and know Christ alive  
among us. Help us to live as your faithful  
children. Amen.**



Ἀββᾶ  
Father

### NOTICES / PRESENTATION

PRAYERS for OTHERS **Hymn 805 \***

Response Your kingdom come:

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 204 \*** *I am the Church!*

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:**
  - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
  - Readers:** Commy-Belle Sonewa  
Joanna Masa
  - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 165.22.
- 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. 22 Apr.:** *ECC Choir* 6 pm (Church)
  - Fri. 24 Apr.:** *Joyful Singers* 7 pm (Halls)
- **Special Notice: 26 April 2015**, the 360th anniversary of the day the foundation stone of our church was laid in 1655, will be celebrated with **joint worship** (German-English) at **11 a.m.** – please note the earlier starting time. Fellowship and snack lunch afterwards in the halls and churchyard.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: *Djibouti* and *Somalia*. 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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Easter

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30