

### Watchword for the Week

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

(Psalm 98:4)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 98)

Sing a new song to the Lord;  
he has done wonderful things!

**By his own power and holy strength  
he has won the victory. He has made  
his saving power known to the nations.**

Sing to the Lord, all the earth;  
**praise him with songs and shouts of joy!**  
Sing praises to the Lord!  
Play music on the harps!

**Blow trumpets and horns,  
and shout for joy to the Lord, our king.**

Roar, sea, and every creature in you;  
**sing, earth, and all who live on you!**  
Clap your hands, you rivers; **you hills,**  
**sing together with joy before the Lord!**  
He comes to rule the earth.

**He will rule the peoples of the world  
with justice and fairness.**

**Hymn 152 \*** *Praise the Lord, his glories show*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

O God, you are Lord of heaven and earth;  
you made the world and everything in it.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

You give to all mortals life and breath;  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

May all the earth rejoice in you,  
breaking forth into joyous songs of praise.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

Gracious God, you love us all, whatever we are  
like. We confess with shame how difficult we  
find it to love others as you love us.

When we find it hard to get along with those who  
are not like us: **God, in your mercy, forgive us.**

When we speak to those we know and ignore  
those we don't: **God, in your mercy, forgive us.**

When we give generously to those in need far  
away and pass by those in our own community:  
**God, in your mercy, forgive us.**

When we welcome those who adopt our ways of  
living and reject those who don't:  
**God, in your mercy, forgive us.**

When we let differences of age, gender, race or  
religion, country or culture separate us:  
**God, in your mercy, forgive us.**

**Hymn 776 \*** *Kyrie eleison*

### WORDS of ASSURANCE (from 1 John)

This is love: not that we love God, but that God  
loves us. We love because God first loved us. In  
the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME "Joyful Noise"

**Hymn 169** *Praise the Lord with...*  
(Hymn of the Month, May 2015)

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 5:1-6 *NT p. 307 (304)*

St. John 15:9-17 *NT p. 138*  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn \*** *A new commandment that I give to you*  
(Songs of God's People, No. 2)

*A new commandment that I give to you,  
is to love one another as I have loved you;*

*is to love one another as I have loved you.*  
*By this shall all know you are my disciples:*  
*if you have love one for another;*  
*by this shall all know you are my disciples:*  
*if you have love one for another.*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 622** *We sing a love...*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**God of grace and mercy, thankful for all your  
love, we bring our gifts and offer ourselves  
to follow Christ and obey his  
commandments, who gave his life for us and  
lives and reigns, with you and the Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS (sung response)  
Help us, Lord, to love one another:  
**Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.** (Hymn 801 \*)

**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 459 \*** *Crown him with many crowns*

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:** Heike Hundeiker  
**Reader:** Katherine Masa  
**Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 203.90.
- 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. 13 May: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)  
**Fri. 15 May: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)  
**Sun. 17 May: Worship** 12:30 pm (Church)  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth
- **Advance Notice:** Worship on **Pentecost Sunday**, 24 May (German-English) starts at the earlier time of 11 a.m. There is also a service on Whit Monday, 25 May in the Pauluskirche at 11 a.m. involving the English-speaking Congregation and Korean, Indonesian, Finnish, and African churches.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Kenya** and **Tanzania**. More information 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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## 6th Sunday of Easter

**"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

**Worship every Sunday at 12.30**