

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth." (John 17:17)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

People of God, let all that would stand in the way of a restored and happy life be like chaff blown away by the wind. For God is with you and you are God's beloved children. Peace be with you. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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)

EPISTLE READING 

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

Hymn 577 *

Christ be beside me

GOSPEL READING 

St. John 17:1-5, 20-23 NT p. 140
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 421

Our Lord Christ hath risen

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth

Hymn 257 *

Singing, we gladly worship
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

As you, O God, have given abundantly to us, may we be generous to others. Bless these gifts as they go to your Church and your world, to share your compassion, justice, and peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS (sung response)

Lord, hear our prayer:

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.
(Hymn 805 *)

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 530 * *One more step along the world*

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

Hymn 804 * *You shall go out with joy (2x)*

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:**
 - Door duty:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Enid Meredith
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €203.08.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **ECC Choir:** Please note there will be no rehearsal at the regular Wednesday slot this week. Instead, ECC Choir members are invited to join the Pauluskirchenchor at their rehearsal on **Thursday 21 May at 8 p.m.** in the Upstairs Hall, preparing for Pentecost.
- **Important Notice:** Our joint worship on **Pentecost Sunday**, 24 May (German-English) starts at the earlier time of 11 a.m.
- There is also worship on **Whit Monday, 25 May** in the Pauluskirche at 11 a.m. involving international Bochum congregations: our own ECC and local Korean, Indonesian, Finnish, and African churches.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Malawi** and **Zambia**. More information and prayer suggestions 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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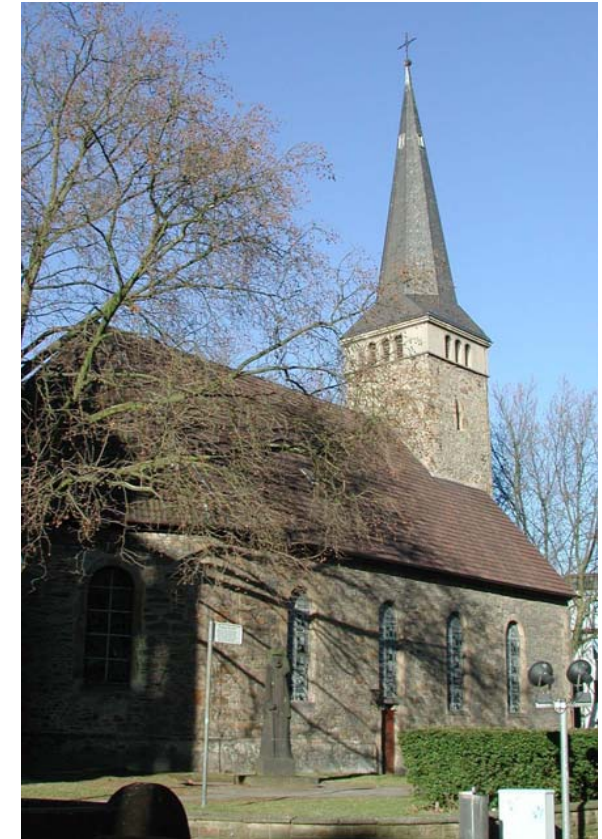
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Bochum, Germany

17 May 2015



7th Sunday of Easter

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30