#### Watchword for the Week

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

## ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS of WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, who do not follow the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers. Instead, they delight in the Law of the Lord, and meditate on it day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in its season, and whose leaves do not wither. They succeed in everything they do.

Hymn 157 \* Sing of the Lord's goodness People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

PRAYER of APPROACH and CONFESSION

Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts waiting to be filled with the sense of your presence; waiting to be filled with the touch of your Spirit; waiting to be filled with new energy for service.

Come to us, we pray.

Be with us. Touch us. Empower us as your people that we might worship you here and act in the world for Jesus' sake.

Gracious and most merciful God,

we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that never seem to mend, empty places within us that always seem to ache, buds within us that never seem to blossom.

O God of grace, help us to accept ourselves: mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things we give you the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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, 2 People may stand for	NT p.	140	
The Word of God.	Thanks be to God	1	
Hymn 421	Our Lord Christ	t hath r	risen

SERMON	Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth
Hymn 257 *	Singing, we gladly worship
(Offerings are	e 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 worldBLESSING 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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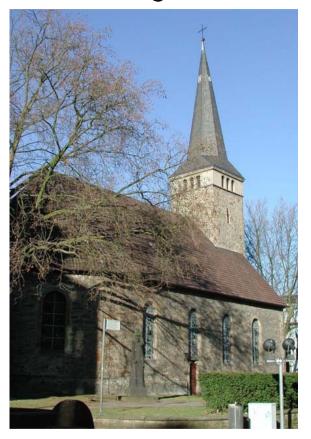
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7th Sunday of Easter

#### "Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30