

Watchword for the Week

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory (Isaiah 6:3)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Psalm 29)

Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;
praise his glory and power.

**Praise the LORD's glorious name; bow down
before the Holy One when he appears.**

The voice of the LORD is heard on the seas;
the glorious God thunders,
and his voice echoes over the ocean.

**The voice of the LORD is heard
in all its might and majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
even the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes the mountains of Lebanon
jump like calves and makes Mount Hermon
leap like a young bull.**

The voice of the LORD makes the lightning flash.
His voice makes the desert shake;
he shakes the desert of Kadesh.

**The LORD's voice shakes the oaks and strips
the leaves from the trees while everyone in
his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"**

The LORD rules over the deep waters;
he rules as king for ever.

**The LORD gives strength to his people
and blesses them with peace.**

Hymn 111 * *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Because God is good,
and has intended us to share that goodness,
we open ourselves to nothing less than
transformation as together we say:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and
immortal, have mercy on us.**

You are the Word behind all words,
the calm at the core of the storm,
the energy that sustains creation.

You are present
in the pain behind the tears,
the laughter in the eyes,
the yearning in the heart.
All these you share,
yet your gift to us is much more.

So open us up, Lord,
we whose lives are locked,
whose thoughts are well rehearsed,
whose prayer is predictable.

Open us to depths we have not explored,
truths we have avoided,
paths we have not followed,
beauty we have yet to admire.

And open us up to Jesus,
in whom all things are held together for God
and for our good.
Amen.

Hymn 641 * *Seek ye first...*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:12-17 *NT p. 195*

St. John 3:1-7 *NT p. 119*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 619 + 620 * *Spirit of the living God*

SERMON *Pastorin Birgit Weinbrenner*

Hymn 113 * *God the Father of Creation*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***I give myself to you, Lord;
with my mind and its thinking;
with my hands and their working;
with my eyes and their seeing;
with my body and its actions;
with my heart and its loving;
I give myself to you, Lord. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS (sung response)

May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven:

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 283 *The voice of God goes out*
(Tune: Woodlands, No. 622)

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE



*Today's guest preacher is
Birgit Weinbrenner,
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and Social Issues at the
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also a member of the
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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:** Andrea Nieder Hagemann
 - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Heike Knüpfer
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland**. 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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Trinity Sunday

"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30