Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Corinthians 12:9)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Based on verses from Psalm 48)

Great is the LORD and highly to be praised, in the city of our God, on the LORD's holy mountain. God is in the citadels of Jerusalem; revealed to be the sure refuge of the city. In the midst of your temple, O God, we meditate on your steadfast love.

Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth, your right hand is full of righteousness. Mark this – God is our God forever and ever, guiding us even to the end. In the midst of your temple, O God, we meditate on your steadfast love.

Hymn 462 * The King of Love my Shepherd is **People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (*) (Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Each thing we have received:

from God it came.

Each thing we enjoy:

from God it comes.

Each thing we pray for:

from God it will be given.

God of life,

you are the source of all goodness and the satisfaction of our desires.

Our understanding of you is small; increase it.

Our desire to do your will is weak; enliven it.

The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit; ripen it.

But first, create in us clean hearts as, in your sight, we unburden ourselves of guilt ... of anger

 \dots of fear \dots of pride \dots of hardness of heart \dots of weakness of intention.

(Silence)

Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Saviour of the World,

make peace within us.

Christ, King of Glory,

be with us and for us wherever life takes us.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

In the common path of our calling, whether it be easy or uneasy to tread, whether it be bright or dark to follow, God, with perfect guidance, protects us: as a shield against all that might deceive us, a healer for all that might harm us, a witness of all that might trouble us, and a friend to all who are dear to us, this day and until we meet again in glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

NT p. 231

St. Mark 6:1-13

NT p. 52

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. Thanks be to God!

Hymn 575

Over my head, I hear music (Hymn of the Month, July 2015)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 360 * Jesus Christ is waiting (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we long to find in ourselves a passion like yours for the Father and a love like yours for humankind. May your Spirit dwell within us, and your compassion move in our hearts, so that the driving force of our being may be the pure flame of your love. We ask it in your name and for your sake. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Give us your grace:

to hear your word with joy.

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.

COMMUNION PREFACE

Hymn 356 *

Meekness and majesty

The GREAT PRAYER

The Lord be with you, and also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

BREAKING of BREAD

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

DISMISSAL

Hymn 528 * Make me a channel of your peace

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 we celebrate Holy Communion you are invited to share in this sacrament. Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to share the sacrament too.
- > Today's worship team:

Duty elder: Jimmimah Ujma

Reader: Rev Dr Robert Haworth 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.
- > Congratulations to Emyr Paskaputra and Jenni Bürger, formerly of Bochum, now living in Munich, who celebrated their church wedding yesterday in the Pauluskirche.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: Columbia. Ecuador and Venezuela. More information 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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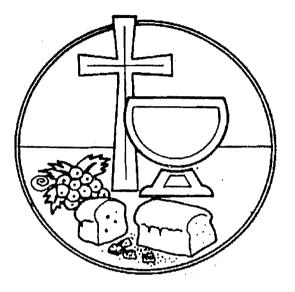
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5 July 2015



Sixth Sunday after

Pentecost

Holy Communion

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30