

Watchword for the Week

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.

(Mark 10:45)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

Wisdom is our Lover,
the Divine Essence the very life within us,
breath of our breath, deeper than any dream.

**We praise you, Holy God,
Father, Son and Eternal Spirit.**

Grace upon grace, with serene tenderness,
in his hands Jesus holds the broken,
the confused, those wrestling with divided
loyalties, with dark thoughts and inner demons,
our worship of this world's treasures.

Christ of God, you know the burdens we carry,
the memories of shame, failure and hurts
inflicted, our shortcomings and inadequacies.

**Sit with us now. May we be aware of your
presence, your understanding, compassion,
and the gaze of your love.**

Touch our soul with the Father's Infinite Beauty.
Come, embrace us;
dwell within us and change us, lift us to new life,
and lead us once more to your table
of forgiveness, healing and wholeness.

**As the Father is in you and you in the Father,
O Christ, may you be in us, and we in you.
May we be one; our soul, your temple.**

Empty us, Holy Spirit,
of all that corrupts our conscience.
We crave inner renewal:
fill us with Eternity's light,
with sparks of holiness,
that faithfulness, humility and joy
may be the chief marks of our character.

**Inspired by the saints,
may we love ourselves and others
as we are loved by you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon
and deliver you from all your wrongs, and grant
you time for the amendment of life. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 765

God's love is for everybody

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may go to the halls next door for Kids' Church)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1-7 + 34-41 OT p. 531 (529)

St. Mark 10:35-45 NT p. 61

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 694

Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 562

*Through the love of God
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, October 2015)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Thank you, God, for making us servants of
your work in the world. Receive these gifts
we offer, and multiply what we give,
transforming it into an overflowing
abundance to serve the needs of others.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayers.

**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 374 *

From heaven you came

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 104)

Praise the LORD, my soul!

O LORD, my God, how great you are!

**You are clothed with majesty and glory;
you cover yourself with light.**

**You have spread out the heavens like a tent
and built your home on the waters above.**

Praise the LORD, my soul!

O LORD, my God, how great you are!

**You use the clouds as your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind.**

**You use the winds as your messengers
and flashes of lightning as your servants.**

LORD, you have made so many things!

How wisely you made them all!

The earth is filled with your creatures.

**There is the ocean, large and wide,
where countless creatures live,
large and small alike. The ships sail on it,
and in it plays Leviathan,
the sea monster which you made.**

Praise the LORD, my soul!

O LORD, my God, how great you are!

Praise the LORD, my soul!

Praise the LORD!

Hymn 147 1-5 *

All creatures of our God

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH and CONFESSION

Shadow beyond shadows,

Mystery beyond mysteries,

Silence at the centre of all things,

dwelling in the darkness of matter and mind,

hidden in nature's order,

invisible in the human soul,

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: Jimmimah Ujma
Reader: Maria Adouakou
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 377.18
- After worship, you are invited to the **Church Halls** next door to the church for refreshments and continued fellowship.
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
Wed. 21 Oct.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church)
Fri. 23 Oct.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)
- **Exploring Faith** is a new discussion option on offer before worship (from 10:30 to 12:00 in the youth clubroom) over the coming weeks. The idea is to have an open discussion of aspects of the Christian faith over a "second breakfast". The first session is next **Sunday, 25 October**. Please let Pastor Jimmy know if you plan to attend.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is for **India, Pakistan** and **Sri Lanka**. Info and prayers 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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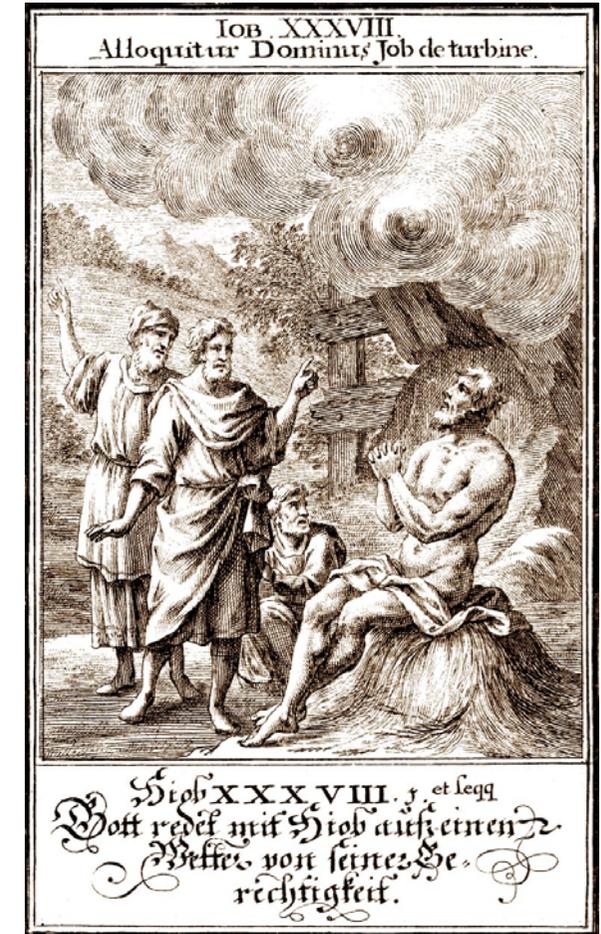
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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30