

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."  
(Revelation 21:6)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the highest heavens;  
praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all the hosts of heaven!  
**Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!**

**Hymn 147** \* 1-2      *All creatures of our God...*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.**

He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.  
**Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps.**

Fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy winds fulfil his command!  
**Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**Hymn 147** \* 3-4      *Cool flowing water...*

Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!  
**Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

**Hymn 147** \* 5-7      *And all who are of tender...*

### PRAYER of APPROACH

Lord, your love has no limits.  
Baptised into Christ, we live by love.  
Give us the honesty and the courage  
to look into ourselves and ask questions.

**Help us to seek from the Community of Love  
the strength to love when it is rejected, the  
insight to know when to offer love and when  
to leave well alone, the ability to translate  
love into practical terms, the openness that  
allows us to receive the love of others;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and as a  
minister of his church, I declare to you who have  
confessed your sin to God that God in his love  
freely forgives you, absolves you of all your sin,  
and offers you the grace and strength of his  
Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

(After which children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18      NT p. 162

St. John 13:31-35      NT p. 137  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 641** \*      *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God*

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**Hymn 198** \*      *Let us build a house*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**Let all creation from greatest to least praise  
our God. We bring to God our wealth of gifts:  
our money, our time, our love, our strength,  
to be caught up and used in the Kingdom's  
work, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### Baptism and Profession of Faith

#### PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (*All stand*)

Do you believe in God  
who made you and loves you?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ,  
your Saviour and Lord?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
and the continuing work of our salvation?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

#### PRAYERS and BAPTISM

WELCOME and SHARING GOD'S PEACE

QUESTIONS and PRAYER

**Hymn 175** \*      *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**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 251 \* *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

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's worship team:**
  - Duty elder** Heike Hundeiker
  - Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Today we celebrate the **baptism** of Tamsin Kostrzewa and we welcome her into full membership of the Christian church.
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled: € 199.27.
- Today is **Survey Sunday** – please take a few minutes to fill out an (anonymous) questionnaire form and return it before leaving church. These 4-yearly surveys help the International Presbytery to analyse and plan for its congregations. Thank you!
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Djibouti** and **Somalia**. More information at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://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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## Easter 5

with Adult Baptism

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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