

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you." (John 14:27)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 67 – NRSV translation)

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon the earth,
your saving power among the nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

Hymn 110 * *Glory be to God the Father*

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

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Come, come, let us prepare ourselves
to celebrate the supper of the Lord;
Let us make a huge loaf of bread,
let us bring the fruit of the vine abundantly
like at the wedding at Cana.

**Let the women not forget the salt,
let the men bring along the yeast;
all are invited, all are welcome,
let many guests come.**

Come, let us follow the recipe of the Lord.
All of us, let us knead the dough together;
aerate it with love that it may expand, and
let us see with joy how the bread grows.

**Let us celebrate today our meeting with the
living Lord. Today, preparing to meet him in
the sacrament and in each other, we commit
ourselves anew to the Kingdom. Let all be
fed and nobody remain hungry. Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Jesus gives to his followers in all times and
places these eternal words of assurance:

"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own
peace that I give you. I do not give it as the
world does. Do not be worried and upset;
do not be afraid." **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn 191 * *Do not be afraid...*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:9-15 *NT p. 169*

St. John 14:23-29 *NT p. 138*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 600 *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*
(Hymn of the Month, May 2016)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 502 * *Take my life, Lord, let it be*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (Iona Community)

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made
flesh, to reconcile and make new;
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

THANKSGIVING (Queen Mbulah)

- Thanksgiving Procession and Dance
- Prayer and Blessing / Thank Offering

PRAYERS for OTHERS

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...With the faithful in every place and time, we
praise with joy your holy name:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy / Santo, santo*
... we may continue faithful in all things. **In the
strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves
to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you
have called us to serve you. Amen.**

BREAKING of BREAD

**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 673 * *Let us talents and tongues employ*

SHARING the ELEMENTS

(Bread and wine are brought to the people)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 248 *For my sake and the gospel's, go*

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, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Belinda Leppkes-Obi
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled: € 217.11.
- After worship, you are invited to the **upstairs hall** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued celebration.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Eritrea** and **Ethiopia**. More information at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Exploring faith** sessions resume Sunday, 8 May, 10.30 am in the youth cellar: **"Pray like a gourmet – Setting the menu"** Further sessions on 22, 29 May; 5, 12, 19, 26 June.
- **Pentecost 2016**
 - Sunday, 15 May** ("Pfingstsonntag")
 - 11:00 am **Joint worship** (English-German)
 - 7:00 pm **Da Capo** choir concert in church
 - 8:30 pm **Barbeque** in the churchyard
 - 9:00 pm **Velvet** Scottish & Irish folk music
 - Monday, 16 May** ("Pfingstmontag")
 - 11:00 am **International worship** with migrant churches from Bochum
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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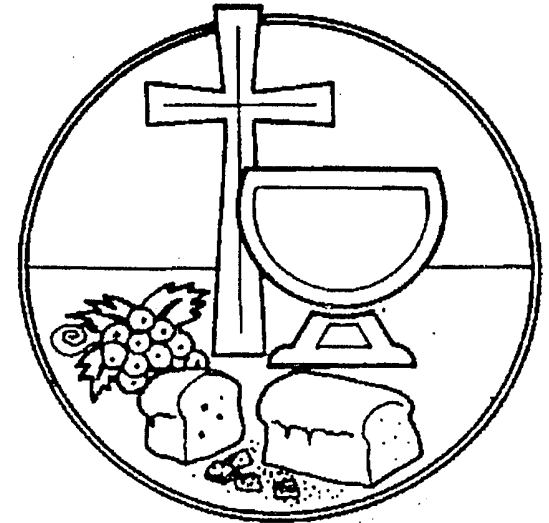
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1 May 2016



Easter 6

with Thanksgiving and
Holy Communion

"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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