

Watchword for the Week

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and
give thanks to his holy name. (Psalm 97:12)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(From Psalm 97 – *The Message* translation)

GOD rules: *There's something to shout about!*
On the double, mainlands and islands: celebrate!
***Bright clouds and storm clouds circle round
him; right and justice anchor his rule.***

Fire blazes out before him,
flaming high up the craggy mountains.
***His lightnings light up the world;
earth, wide-eyed, trembles in fear.***

The mountains take one look at God and melt,
melt like wax before earth's Lord. ***The heavens
announce that he'll set everything right, and
everyone will see it happen – glorious!***

Daughters of Zion, sing your hearts out:
GOD has done it all, has set everything right.
***You, God, are High God of the cosmos,
far, far higher than any of the gods.***

GOD loves all who hate evil,
and those who love him he keeps safe.
***So, God's people, shout praise to God.
Give thanks to our Holy God!***

Hymn 185 * *Come, children, join and sing*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Loving and gracious God, you call us to this
place and time that we might worship you,
that we might feel your presence especially
close to us, and that we might be encouraged
by the spirit of community that is in this place.

***Bless this worship, may it enliven us and
encourage us, and may we go from here
refreshed by your living water.***

For the times when we judge others and put
them down because of who they are or where
they come from, ***we ask forgiveness, O God.***

For the times when we think only of ourselves
and don't ponder the consequences of our
actions, ***we ask forgiveness, O God.***

For the times when we expect others
to bear unfairly the burdens of others,
we ask forgiveness, O God.

When we do these things, we are not truly your
people, O God. ***Forgive us, we pray. Amen.***

WORDS of ASSURANCE

"Believe in Jesus Christ and you will be saved."
No matter what you may have done, or where
you find yourself this day, if you will but believe
in the Christ you will find yourself led to life-
giving waters. ***Thanks be to God! Amen!***

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 204 * *I am the Church! ...*

Baptism of Anna Mary Pearl Currie

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

***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.***

***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, BLESSING and BAPTISM
- QUESTIONS to the PARENTS
- QUESTION to the CONGREGATION

***We will nurture one another in faith,
uphold one another in prayer,
encourage one another in service.***

PRESENTATION and SHARING PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:16-34 *NT p. 170 (169)*

St. John 17:20-26 *NT p. 141*

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 543 * *Christ, be our light*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***Loving God, you invite all who are thirsty to
come and drink from the waters of life. Use
our gifts, our time, our talents, to spread that
good news, that all who are thirsty – for
justice, for new life, for another chance, for a
glimpse of hope – may find it. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

***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 518 * *Lift up your hearts*

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*.
- We especially welcome the **Currie Family** from Münster for the **baptism** of their baby daughter Anna Mary Pearl Currie.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled: € 282.69.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Sudan, South Sudan and Eritrea**. Information at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Exploring faith** sessions have resumed in the youth cellar: **"Pray like a gourmet – Ways to Feed our Soul"** Further sessions will be 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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Easter 7

with Infant Baptism

"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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