

### Watchword for the Week

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Romans 5:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

Maker, Redeemer,  
confessor, companion,  
befriender, inspirer,  
God beyond all names:  
**We praise you.**

You are the Word behind all words,  
the calm at the core of the storm,  
the energy that sustains creation.

You are present  
in the pain behind the tears,  
the laughter in the eyes,  
the yearning in the heart.  
All these you share,  
yet your gift to us is much more.

So, open us up, Lord,  
we whose lives are locked,  
whose thoughts are well rehearsed,  
whose prayer is predictable.

Open us up to depths we have not explored,  
truths we have avoided,  
paths we have not followed,  
beauty we have yet to admire.

Open us up to Jesus,  
in whom all things are held together for God  
and for our good. **Amen.**

### WORDS of ASSURANCE (Psalm 67:3-4)

Let the peoples praise you, O God,  
let the nations rejoice with shouts of gladness,  
for you judge humanity with fairness.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**Hymn 194 \*** *This is the day...*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 *OT p. 634*

St. John 16:12-15 *NT p. 139*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 604** *Holy wisdom, lamp of learning*

SERMON Rev. Dr. Mark Burrows  
(United Church of Christ, USA)

**Hymn 247** *Moved by the Gospel, let us move*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**Maker of all, we are your children,  
the creatures of your kindness,  
the bearers of your image.**

**This day, we will walk by your light,  
follow your Son, and live by your Spirit.**

**This day, we will not offer to you  
offerings that cost us nothing.  
For this is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: God, send your Spirit;  
**renew the life of the earth**

**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 111 \*** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE



Frank Haase (b. 1968) "Trinity" QR sculpture (detail)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 8)

O LORD, our Lord,  
your greatness is seen in all the world!  
**Your praise reaches up to the heavens;  
it is sung by children and babies.**

When I look at the sky, which you have made,  
at the moon and the stars,  
which you set in their places –  
**what are human beings, that you think of them;  
mere mortals, that you care for them?**

You made them inferior only to yourself;  
you crowned them with glory and honour.

**You appointed them rulers over everything  
you made; you placed them over all creation:**  
sheep and cattle, and the wild animals too;  
the birds and the fish and the creatures in the seas.

**O LORD, our Lord,  
your greatness is seen in all the world!**

**Hymn 113 \*** *God the Father of Creation*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

Way beyond all journeying,  
Truth behind all mystery,  
Life within all living:  
**We praise you.**

Salve for every soreness,  
mender of every brokenness,  
midwife of a better future:  
**We praise you.**

Ground of all being,  
judge of all nations,  
conscience of the universe:  
**We praise you.**

# 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:**
  - Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Mark Burrows
  - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Tamsin Kostrzewa
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled: € 205.44.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Pastor Jimmy Brown** is attending the **General Assembly** of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh this week, but he can be contacted by e-mail. *For more information on the Assembly and the live webcast, visit: [http://stream1.churchofscotland.org.uk/about\\_us/general\\_assembly/](http://stream1.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/general_assembly/)*
- A **choir concert** will be given *next Sunday* at 5 p.m. (17:00 hrs) in the Pauluskirche of the Telemann Cantata "**Der Herr ist mein Hirte**". Admission free; donations welcome.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Malawi** and **Zambia**. More information at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Exploring faith** sessions are at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the youth cellar: "**Pray like a gourmet – Feed your Soul**" Dates: 29 May and 5, 12, 19, and 26 June.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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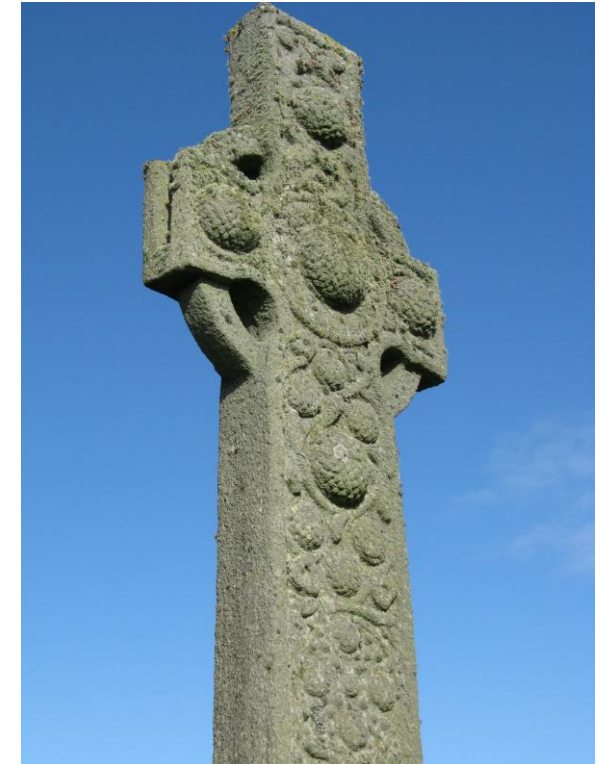
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## Trinity Sunday

"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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