

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
(Luke 12:32)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

**our broken oath, our empty speech;
for all that we have left undone;
for all that we have done amiss.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Jesus, only begotten Son of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave; as we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, shield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high. **Amen.**

Hymn 153 * *Great is thy faithfulness*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

📖 SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *NT p. 284 (282)*
St. Luke 12:32-40 *NT p. 95*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 237 * *Look forward in faith*

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APOSTLES' CREED *(No. 628)*

INVITATION

OFFERING

Hymn 616 *There's a spirit in the air*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, August 2016)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Each thing we have received came from you.
Each thing for which we hope will come from you.
Each thing we enjoy is of your giving.
Each thing for which we ask comes from your disposing. Amen.**

INSTITUTION and THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Living God, we acclaim you, majestic in holiness, worthy of praise, worker of wonders.
... Therefore with all your people,
and with the whole company of heaven,
we praise you in the angels' hymn:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

Now we celebrate the feast of our redemption...
... and is worshipped and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING of BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world: **grant us peace.**

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

Hymn 661 *Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CLOSING PRAYERS

Hymn 511 # *Your hand, O God, has guided*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on verses from Psalm 50)

The Almighty God, the LORD, speaks;
he calls the whole earth from east to west.
**God shines from Zion,
the city perfect in its beauty.**

Our God is coming, but not in silence;
a raging fire is in front of him,
a furious storm is around him.
**He calls heaven and earth as witnesses
to see him judge his people.**

He says, "Gather my faithful people to me,
those who made a covenant with me.
**Let them give thanks and honour me,
for I will surely save all who obey me."**

Hymn 130 # *Ye servants of God*
"Forgotten Favourites" are marked with a hashtag (#)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

In the name of the Father;
in the name of the Son;
in the name of the Holy Spirit, Three in One:
**God, make us holy,
Christ, make us holy,
Spirit, make us holy, Three, all-holy.**

Count us not as nothing, O God;
count us not as nothing, O Christ,
count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit,
nor abandon us to eternal loss.

**We confess our sins to you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Compassionate God of life,
your kindly pardon give:
for our careless talk,**

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: Enid Meredith
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 322.60.
- 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 **Canada and the USA**. Prayer link via: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Upcoming **holiday events** in the Bochum city may restrict access to the city centre:
 - **10-14 August** *Bochum kulinarisch*
 - **4 September** *Stadtwerke Halbmarathon*
- The **Bochum Music Summer** from 9-11 September: We once again share with our neighbours in an ecumenical hour of worship on **Sunday, 11 September** at **12 noon**.
- The **ECC** is active on **social media** – please check out our profiles on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (addresses overleaf)
- **But**, please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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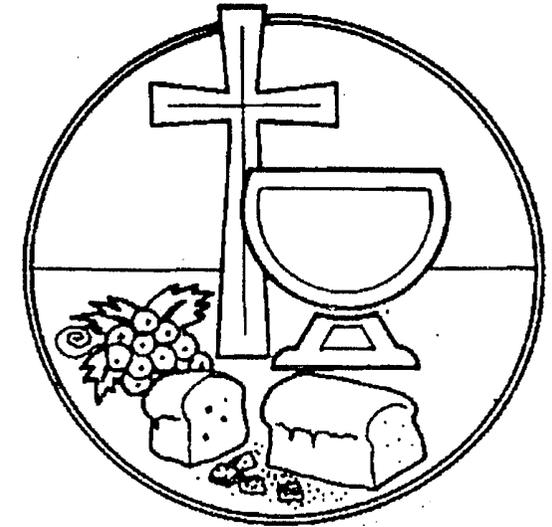
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Holy Communion

"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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