

### Watchword for the Week

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES

In the beginning,  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now,  
among us, beside us,  
clearer than air, closer than breathing,  
**God is.**

In all that is to come,  
when we have turned to dust  
and human knowledge has been completed,  
**God will be.**

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it;  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it;  
through Jesus Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**God was, God is, God will be.**

**Hymn 112 \*** *God, whose almighty word*  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

## PRAYER of ADORATION and CONFESSION

Response 1: Hallowed be your name.  
**Hallowed be your name.**

If, knowing this,  
we have failed to love you, our Maker;  
been hesitant to follow your Son,  
and suspected the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

If we have desired comfort more than devotion,  
if we have satisfied our wants  
more than we have served your will,  
if we have worshipped a lesser god

and gone for an easier gospel,  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

If, in the face of your openness,  
we have privatised our wealth,  
limited our company to those like us,  
restricted our conversation  
to matters of no consequence,  
and in all this compromised our integrity  
and lost faith in our faith,  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

God forgives us,  
but not to ease our consciences  
until we feel penitent again.

God forgives us,  
so that we may have no defence against his will;  
and then makes us friends of his purpose  
and worthy companions of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 18:1-11 OT p. 752 (753)

**Hymn 619+620 \*** *Spirit of the living God*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

St. Luke 14:25-33 NT p. 99  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 588** *Praise the Spirit in creation*  
(Hymn of the Month, September 2016)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 510 \*** *Jesus calls us here to meet him*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

## 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.**

## PRAYERS for OTHERS

In hope, we pray: **May it not be long.**

**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*

## COMMUNION PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you... with all who love Jesus  
and honour his name we praise you, singing the  
hymn of your everlasting glory:

**Hymn 769 \*** *Holy, holy, holy*

## BREAKING the BREAD

INVITATION and COMMUNION  
(Please come forward to share)

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISMISSAL

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

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:** Jimmimah Ujma
  - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
  - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 99.32.
- 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 **Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia**. Info at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
  - Wednesday, 7 September**  
6:00 pm **ECC Choir** practice in church
  - Sunday, 11 September**  
**12:00 noon: Bochum Music Summer** joint worship at the Kuhhirten (Cowherd) stage, Bongard Boulevard (ecumenical / bilingual).
- 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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## 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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