

Watchword for the Week

Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on Isaiah 61 and Isaiah 55)

The Sovereign LORD has filled me with his Spirit.

He has chosen me and sent me
to bring good news to the poor,
to heal the broken-hearted,
to announce release to captives
and freedom to those in prison.

He has sent me to proclaim that the time has
come **when the Lord will save his people.**
He has sent me to comfort all who mourn,
giving joy and gladness instead of grief,
a song of praise instead of sorrow.

The people will go forth with joy;
we will be led forward in peace.
The mountains and hills will burst into song,
and the trees will shout for joy
because of what the LORD has done.

Hymn 241 * *Isaiah the prophet has written*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Hymn of the Month, November 2016)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Astonishing God, glorious in paradise,
we worship you, mighty King above all kings.
Working Word, from the beginning of time
you were shaping the rocks and rivers,
planting your love in the fibres of creation.
King above all kings:
we worship and adore you!

You put all things under Jesus' feet,
crowning him King of earth and heaven.
You were pleased to hug all things
back to your heart with tender love
for the scattered and shattered ones,

making peace through the cross of Christ.
King above all kings:

we worship and adore you!

King and Judge, we come to you;
we could not trust anyone else
to listen and care about our daily
soap opera of mistakes and crises.
This is not fiction, but our lives.
This is what frightens and shames us.

(Silence)

We have been back-biting and gossiping:
you know we have.
We have been ignoring and bad-mouthing:
you know we have.
We have been cocky and careless:
you know we have.

(Silence)

We can't turn off some TV to shut off our guilt.
We need to come to you, God of reality.
You are the only one who can forgive us.

Hymn 493 * *It's me, it's me, O Lord*

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Lord, we know you hear and forgive what we
have told you. Nothing can shock you or make
you turn away. Your mercy and justice are
making us whole. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

 **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *OT p. 757 (758)*

St. Luke 23:33-43 *NT p. 113*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 459 * *Crown him with many crowns!*

SERMON Pfarrerin Annette Muhr-Nelson
(Sermon text: Colossians 1:11-20, *NT p. 252 (251)*)

Hymn 374 * *This is our God, the Servant King*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

May we – and these gifts – serve you, most Holy God. May the strength, compassion, and peace of Christ accompany these gifts as they become resources for comfort, change, and hope. Then may we see together the world of justice, peace and loving community that you, O God, so tirelessly toil for, now and forever. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

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 449 * *Rejoice! The Lord is King*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE



*"I would rather live
and love where
death is king than
have eternal life
where love is not."*

*Robert G. Ingersoll
(1833-1899)
famous American
lawyer and orator*

Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book including your postal or e-mail address to be sent our occasional church newsletter.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Preacher:** Pfarrerin Annette Muhr-Nelson (Institute for Mission, Ecumenical Affairs and Global Responsibility, Church of Westphalia)
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Dirk Erenkämper
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, you are invited to the **church halls** next door for continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on the **Cameroon**, the **Central African Republic**, and **Equatorial Guinea**. Prayer link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wednesday, 23 November** 6:00 pm
ECC Choir practice in church
 - Friday, 25 November** 6:00 pm
Joyful Singers practice in the church hall
 - Sunday, 27 November** 12:30 pm
1st of Advent with Annual General Meeting after worship in the church halls
- **Looking further ahead:**
 - Sunday, 4 December** 12:30 pm
Holy Communion and Iona Healing liturgy
 - Saturday, 10 December** 18:00 pm
Sing-along Concert with choirs of the ECC
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Christ the King
Reign of Christ

"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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