

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young, **God's Holy Name be praised.**

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts, **God's Holy Name be praised.**

O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, and not to covet tomorrow, but to accept the uniqueness of today.

From the cowardice that does not face new truths, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all the truth, **deliver us today, good Lord.**

O Lord our God, listening to us here, you accept also the prayers of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Americas and Europe.

**We are all one in prayer.**

So may we, as one, rightly carry out your commission to witness and to love in the church and throughout the world. Accept our prayers graciously, even when they are somewhat strange. **They are offered in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Hymn 169 \*** *Praise the Lord with the sound...*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)*

### 📖 SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joel 2:23-32 *OT p. 885 (884)*

2 Timothy 4:6-18 *NT p. 270 (268)*

**Hymn 170 \*** *Praise and thanksgiving...*

St. Luke 18:9-14 *NT p. 103*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 267** *Blest be God for ever*  
(Hymn of the Month, October 2016)

### SERMON

Rev. James Brown

### Hymn 198 \*

*Let us build a house*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**Loving God, accept these our offerings as symbols of our commitment to you and to the work of the church. May your blessing rest on them that they may be used wisely and imaginatively in the service of your church and kingdom, and may that same divine blessing rest on us that we too may use the gifts of wisdom and imagination that you have given us, to work and witness for you in the coming days. Amen.**

### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

🎵 Sung response: **Hymn 805**

Your kingdom come:

**Your will be done on earth, O Lord!**

**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 341 \*** *Blest are they, the poor in spirit*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*"Do you wish to rise?  
Begin by descending. You plan a  
tower that will pierce the clouds?  
Lay first the foundation of humility."*

Saint Augustine (AD 354-430)  
Early Christian theologian and philosopher

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 65)

Happy are those whom you choose, O God; whom you bring to live in your sanctuary.  
**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, of your holy temple.**

You do wonderful things to save us.  
**People all over the world and across the distant seas trust in you.**

You calm the roar of the seas and the noise of the waves;  
**you calm the uproar of the peoples.**

The whole world stands in awe of the great things that you have done.  
**Your deeds bring shouts of joy from one end of the earth to the other.**

You show your care for the land by sending rain; you make it rich and fertile.  
**You soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow.**

What a rich harvest your goodness provides! Wherever you go there is plenty.  
**The pastures are filled with flocks; the hillsides are full of joy. Everything shouts and sings for joy!**

**Hymn 137.1 \*** *All things bright and beautiful*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

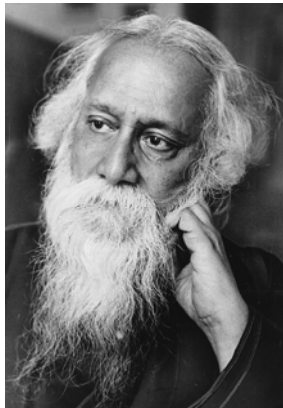
PRAYER of APPROACH (Sections of this opening prayer originate from the churches in Kenya and Ghana)

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west, **God's Holy Name be praised.**

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast, **God's Holy Name be praised.**

# 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:**  
**Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf  
**Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 220.29.
- After worship, you are invited to the **church halls** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**. For further information, visit our ECC website: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- 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.



*"We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility."*

Rabindranath Tagore  
(1861-1941)

Bengali philosopher and poet



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"And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." (Joel 2:32, NIV)

**"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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