#### Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 46)

God is our shelter and our strength, always at hand to help in times of trouble.

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and the mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken with violence.

There is a river that brings joy to the city of God, to the sacred house of the Most High.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come and see what the LORD has done, what amazing things he has done on earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks bows, shatters spears, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still," he says, "and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme over the earth."

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn 189 \* Be still, for the presence...

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

# PRAYER of APPROACH

Loving God, we your saints gather to worship and praise you this day. We celebrate the saints

who have served you and been an example for us throughout the past. We give you thanks for the joy of being a part of the communion of saints with those who have gone before and those scattered around the globe. Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints you have called us to be.

When we stand at the edge of brokenness and allow our questions of faith to distance ourselves from you and others, *forgive us and free us.* 

When the ways we live as the church limit our ability to offer compassion, forgive us and free us.

When we try to be "holy" without changing the way we are with others, *forgive us and free us.* 

**Hymn 267** 

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

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

The face of God we seek is a face of compassion, steadfast in love, and longing to forgive. Receive the power of God's compassion so that we might have the capacity for love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### CHILDREN'S TIME

(After which children may join the Kids' Church programme)

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *OT p. 767 (768)* 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 *NT p. 260 (259)* 

Hymn 619 + 620 \* Spirit of the living God...

St. Luke 6:20-31 NT p. 82
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!** 

**Hymn 742** 

Rejoice in God's saints

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 248** For my sake and the gospel's, go (Offerings are gathered)

Hymn 807 \*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Offerings are brought forward)

## **DEDICATION PRAYER**

We offer our whole selves to you, O God, creator of everything. It is a joy and a blessing to share our gifts with one another. As we offer these things for the work of your church, help us to be mindful of all that we can do together as the Body of Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS See Notices overleaf

PRAYERS for OTHERS
Hear our thankful prayers,
and make us worthy of your calling.

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 740\*** v. 1-4, 7-8

For all the saints

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.

> Todav's worship team:

**Duty elder:** Jimmimah Ujma Reader: Dirk Erlenkämper 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 to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- > The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Sevchelles, and Maldives, Link to info from our ECC website: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Diary for the week ahead:

Wednesday, 2 November 6:00 pm ECC Choir practice in church

Thursday, 3 November 7:00 pm Council Meeting in the Kirchencafé

Friday, 4 November 6:00 pm Joyful Singers practice in the church hall

- > 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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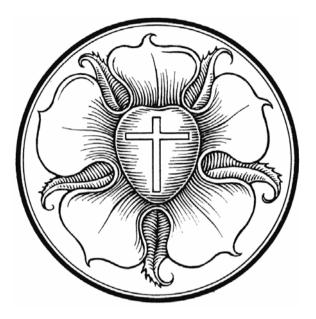
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# Reformation Sunday All Saints Observance

#### "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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