Watchword for the Week

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 145 – *The Message* translation)

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King, and I'll bless your name into eternity!

I'll bless you every day,
and keep it up from now to eternity.

God is magnificent; he can never be praised enough.

There are no boundaries to his greatness.

Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

God is all mercy and grace – not quick to anger, is rich in love. **God is good to one and all;**

everything he does is suffused with grace. Creation and creatures applaud you, God;

your holy people bless you.

They talk about the glories of your rule, they exclaim over your splendour, letting the world know of your power for good.

Your kingdom is a kingdom eternal; you never get voted out of office.

My mouth is filled with God's praise.

Let everything living bless him,
bless his holy name from now to eternity!

Hymn 147 *v. 1-3+7 *All creatures of our God* **People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

L: Story sharers and temple builders

R: worries and carers

L: managers and labourers

R: mothers and fathers

L: sons and daughters,

All: God, we are all your children.

L: We who are free and filled with hope

R: we who are burdened with worry or doubt

L: we who are faithful

R: we who are careful

L: we who are carefree

R: we who are hesitant

All: We come now to you, our God.

L: God in the silence and in the noise.

R: God in our peace and in our wars,

L: God in our hearts and in our homes,

R: God in our offices and our cafés,

L: God in the pubs and in the churches,

R: God in the sorrows and celebrations;

All: we pray that you would draw us closer to you. Shape our worship here this day, so that we might be changed. Shape our lives, families, communities and world so that your kingdom may come and your will be done. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 204 * I am the Church! You are the Church!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Haggai 2:1-9 *OT p. 914 (913)*

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 NT p. 261 (260)

Hymn 779 * Listen now for the Gospel

St. Luke 20:27-38 NT p. 107

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 241 * Isaiah the prophet has written (Hymn of the Month, November 2016)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 543 * Christ, be our light!

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER (responsive)

God of goodness, may we live our lives bringing good to others. God of justice, may we live our lives sharing your justice. God of change, may we always be willing to change and be changed. God of growth, may we always seek to grow in our faith in you. God of sharing, we place our gifts in your hands. May we share what you give for the sake of your kingdom of justice and love. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

<u>Response</u>: Lord God, we pray: *May our lives express our love for you.*

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.

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 (Communion gifts are passed round and shared)

DISMISSAL

Hymn 673 * Let us talents and tongues employ

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- > We welcome all visitors and first-time worshippers especially visitors today from the international Lydia Gemeinde in Dortmund. Please sign our guest book including your postal or e-mail address to be sent our occasional church newsletter.
- > Today we celebrate Holy Communion vou are invited to share in this sacrament. including your children if you so wish.
- > Today's worship team:

Duty elder: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner Tamsin Kostrzewa Reader:

Ingeborg Maiwald Organ:

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 340.10.
- After worship, you are invited to the **church** halls next door to the church for tea. coffee and continued fellowship.
- > The WCC **Ecumenical Praver Cycle** this week focuses on Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Conge and Rwanda. Pravers via our website link at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Diary for the week ahead:

Wednesday, 9 November 6:00 pm **ECC Choir** practice in church

Friday, 11 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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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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