

Watchword for the Week

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary
in doing what is right. (2 Thessalonians 3:13)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

**We pray and work for your realm,
within and among us,
singing your praise, now and always.
Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

As we have the courage to meet God humbly
and with hope, we can be part of God's new
creation. Receive God's forgiveness and love,
and share new life in God's realm.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 561 * *Blessed assurance*

CHILDREN'S TIME *with the Kids' Church team*



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25 *OT p. 728 (729)*

Isaiah 12 *NT p. 681 (680)*

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

St. Luke 21:5-19 *NT p. 108*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth

Hymn 720 * *There is a longing in our hearts
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*

DEDICATION PRAYER (responsive)

**Eternal, loving God, keep us in hope and
attuned to your presence and working. Then
may these and all our gifts, be used for your
vision of a just and peaceable creation. May
they bring your realm to fruition among us
and in all your world, to your glory. In the
Spirit of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Cleanse us, O God:
and renew us.

**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 530 * *One more step along the world*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

RESPONSE

Hymn 804 * (2 x) *You shall go out with joy*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 98)

Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
Praise him with songs and shouts of joy!
**Sing praises to the Lord! Play music on the
harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout
for joy to the Lord, our king.**

Roar, sea, and every creature in you;
sing, earth, and all who live on you!
**Clap your hands, you rivers; you hills,
sing together with joy before the Lord,
because he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the peoples of the world
with justice and fairness.**

Hymn 157 * *Sing of the Lord's goodness*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God, you have promised us a new creation,
**but we live amidst the old and, everywhere,
scenes of destruction fill our lives.**

God, you are creating a world of equity, plenty,
justice, and peace right now, **but where can we
glimpse it, your new realm?**

God, the seeds of your realm lie within us;
you nurture them to life. **God, we will trust in
your promise and look now for its fulfillment.
We will be people of hope;
we will be people of joy.**

We thank you, our great God, for your steady
love, for your creation, and all you are doing
now to heal, build and sustain it in goodness
and beauty. May the vision of what you are
doing connect us to you in profound ways.

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Gundi Dehling
 - 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 **Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Príncipe**. Prayers via our website link at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wednesday, 16 November** 6:00 pm
ECC Choir practice in church
 - Friday, 18 November** 6:00 pm
Joyful Singers practice in the church hall
- **Looking further ahead:**
 - Sunday, 20 November** 12:30 pm
Preacher: Pfarrerin Annette Muhr-Nelson
(Institute for Mission, Ecumenical Affairs and Global Responsibility, Church of Westphalia)
 - Sunday, 27 November** 12:30 pm
1st of Advent with Annual General Meeting after worship in the church halls
- 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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"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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