

### Watchword for the Week

A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice. (Isaiah 42:3)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

When you could have had it easy, making  
angels carry you, and turning stones to bread,  
**you prayed, you worked, you made friends,  
you spoke, you walked.**

When you could have dined with royalty and  
power, **you shared food, you washed the feet  
of your friends, you ate, you drank.**

We give thank to you, almighty God, for in the  
life of Jesus **you show us the powerful  
pathways of the gentle servant.**

God of the Universe, God of the Earth,  
God of the Nations, God of this House of Prayer,  
we come before you today knowing  
that we can sometimes admire loud power  
and ignore humble power.

**We commit and do not follow through.  
We offer and do not hand over.  
We speak but do not follow with action.**

Give us the wisdom to live in ways that create  
life not demean it, and help us to live powerfully  
with and for the outsider, the ignored, the  
demeaned, the forgotten. For you see all, and  
you take delight in the lives of welcome.

**Hymn 522** 1-2\* *The Church is wherever...*

WORDS of ASSURANCE (Psalm 29:10-11)

The LORD rules over the deep waters;  
he rules as king for ever.

The LORD gives strength to his people  
and blesses them with peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

**Hymn 522** 3-4\* *The Church is wherever...*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Isaiah 42:1-9

OT p. 705

St. Matthew 3:13-17

NT p. 5

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

**Hymn 336**

*Christ is our light!*  
(Hymn of the Month, January 2017)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 326 \***

*As with gladness men of old*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

God our Maker, your voice echoes through all  
Creation. **Articulate your Gospel through us,  
we pray, that we may live your Word.**


Christ our Saviour, you are light for the world.

**Shine in our lives, that we might reflect  
your love, your compassion, and your glory.**

Moving Spirit, you guided wise men and women  
of old. **Descend upon us and lead us in paths  
of justice, peace and reconciliation.**

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

( Sung response: **Hymn 620**)

Spirit of God, descend upon us:

**Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fill our lives with love.**

**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 112**

*God, whose almighty word*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 29:1-9)

Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;  
praise his glory and power.

**Praise the LORD's glorious name; bow down  
before the Holy One when he appears.**

The voice of the LORD is heard on the seas;  
the glorious God thunders,  
and his voice echoes over the ocean.

**The voice of the LORD is heard  
in all its might and majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,  
even the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes the mountains jump like calves  
and Mount Hermon leap like a young bull.**

The voice of the LORD makes the lightning flash;  
his voice makes the desert of Kadesh shake.

**The LORD's voice shakes the oaks and strips  
the leaves from the trees while everyone in  
his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"**

**Hymn 283 \***

*The voice of God goes out*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Tune: **Woodlands**, Hymn 622)

OPENING PRAYER

We give thanks to you almighty God, for in the  
life of Jesus you show us a new way to live.

When you could have caused  
earthquakes and thunder,  
**you walked by lakes, and calmed seas.**

When you could have proved your power  
over your cousin John, **you trusted him to  
lower you into the waters of baptism.**

When you could have incited violence and  
revenge, **you searched out those seeking  
light in shadowed places.**

# 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:**
  - Duty Elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 220.00.
- **Covenant Sunday:** Today and throughout January, you can covenant your giving to the church for 2017 by completing a **pledge card** and putting it in the offering basket.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, and Iraq.** Follow the prayer link from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Looking ahead:**
  - Wednesday, 18 January** 18:00 hrs  
**ECC Choir resumes: practice in church**
  - Sunday, 22 January** 12:30 hrs  
**Christian Unity Sunday**  
Celebrating denominational diversity
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Ann Kopka, "Light Water 1" (2007)  
acrylic on canvas, 76 x 51 cm

## 1 after Epiphany

**"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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