

Watchword for the Week

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of
my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 27)

The LORD is my light and my salvation –
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life;

**that I may gaze upon the beauty of
the LORD and seek him in his temple.**

At his tabernacle

I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

**Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.**

Hymn 83 *1-2 *I rejoiced when I heard / Shalom*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING PRAYER

O God of majesty, we adore you,
for you have made known to us the mystery of
the ages, you have revealed to us your love in
Christ, your Spirit is leading us into all truth.

We praise you, O God; we adore you:
We will sing our love and joy.

O God of splendour, we adore you,
for you have called us to speak of your wonders,
and you are uniting us as the body of your Son,
so that we can witness to your grace
before earth and heaven.

We praise you, O God; we adore you:
We will sing our love and joy.

O God of glory, we adore you,
for you have made us heirs of your promise.
Through your Son, we can enter your holy
presence, and we proclaim a realm of peace
where all people belong.
We praise you, O God; we adore you:
We will sing our love and joy.

Hymn 83 *3 *It is faithful to Israel's law*

Forgive us, God of grace,
that though you have called us into unity,
we have continued our divisions, strengthened
our distrust, reinforced attitudes of separation,
and passed on our prejudices to others.
**Call us again in mercy, that we may be one in
compassion, service and praise, and so
witness to your love, your grace, your glory.**

Hymn 83 *4-5 *For the peace of all nations*

SCRIPTURE READING #1 

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 *NT p. 206 (205)*
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

INTERVIEW #1 *Is Christ divided?*



Hymn 710 * *'I have a dream', a man once said*

SCRIPTURE READING #2 

2 Corinthians 5:14-20 *NT p. 226 (225)*
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

INTERVIEW #2 *What's special about you?*

Choruses * Offering

I have a Father who will never ever fail me. (2x)
Jesus is my Saviour; He will never ever fail me.
Rock of Ages never ever fail me.

He's a miracle-working God. (2x)
He's the Alpha and Omega.
He's a miracle-working God.

(Offerings are brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***God of grace, we are blessed with more than
we ever need or can ever use. As we offer
our gifts to you, remind us that generosity is
part of our call to follow Christ, who models
your gracious nature in every word, every
gesture, every day. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READING #3 

St. Matthew 4:12-23 *NT p. 6*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Gospel of Christ: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 532 * *Lord, you have come to the seashore*

CHILDREN'S TIME *Many fishes, but all fish*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS
We are your people: **Make us one in 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.***

Hymn 739 * *The Church's one foundation*

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*.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty Elder:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 172.00.
- **Covenant pledges:** You can still covenant your giving 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 **Algeria, Libya, Morocco** and **Tunisia**. Link: www.ecc-bochum.de

- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Christian Unity
3 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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