

Watchword for the Week

Paul wrote: For while I was with you, I made up my mind to forget everything except Jesus Christ and especially his death on the cross. (1 Corinthians 2:2)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

In the fullness of your mercy, blot out our misdeeds; in your loving-kindness, wash away our sin. **Give us a willing spirit and the chastened heart you do not despise; and help us to forgive others as you forgive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 97

Oh God, you search me
(Hymn of the Month, February 2017)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 762 *

Glory to God

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-9a

OT p. 722 (723)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

NT p. 206

Chorus *

The most Excellency is Jesus

**The most Excellency is Jesus:
Shout Hallelujah! Amen!**

St. Matthew 5:13-20

NT p. 7

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

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 336

Christ is our light!
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

APOSTLES' CREED

(No. 628)

INSTITUTION and THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

...we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise in the angels' song:

Hymn 769 *

Holy, holy, holy

... to be a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty
Father, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS

The LORD'S PRAYER (Spanish)
English words: Hymn 652, Second Form (b)

**Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en
el cielo. El pan nuestro da cada día, dánosle
hoy, y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como
también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros
deudores, y no nos dejes caer en la
tentación, mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino y el poder
y la gloria por todos los siglos. Amén.**

BREAKING of BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world: **grant us peace.**

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

Chorus *

He's a miracle working God

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

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 706

For the healing of the nations
(Tune: Regent Square, CH4 110)

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

God, we have *come* to worship.

**We may be here often, or this experience
may be unusual, but you are here, and we
need your Spirit to make this time special.**

God, we have come *together* to worship.

**We may be in our own group, we may be by
ourselves, but we gather with angels and
archangels, we gather with people of every
colour and every nation, we gather as those
who went before us gathered – to worship, to
reflect, to receive, though Jesus Christ.**

God, we have come together to *worship*.

**To declare your greatness and your
goodness. To feel the wonder of your
presence. To listen to what you have to say.
To resolve afresh to live as your people,
with the help of your Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn 111 *

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord God, Holy and Immortal, we confess
that we have broken your commandments;
we have sinned by selfishness, unbelief, and
pride; we have not acted justly, loved mercy
nor walked humbly with you.**

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty Elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €275.00.
- 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 **Ireland** and the **United Kingdom**. Follow the link from our website for further details: www.ecc-bochum.de
- The ECC has joined the **Reformation 500** challenge to record **Das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten**. More info from Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner or on the website: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>
- **What is the Bible?** Our next study group series **"Exploring the Bible"** begins on **Sunday, 5 March**. Please place orders for course books priced €15 with Pastor Jimmy.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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5 after Epiphany Holy Communion

"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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