

Watchword for the Week

God said: "This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"
(Matthew 17:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

Merciful God, it is good for us to be here,
but we also tremble and recoil
as did the disciples on the mountain.

**For we have not lived gloriously,
nor listened to the One
who bids us take up our cross
and live the costly life of faith.**

We have prostrated ourselves
before the false brightness of lesser lights,
which blazon their false claims
of truth, or fulfilment, or hope.

Humbly we ask for your forgiveness.

Hymn 259 v. 1+5 *Beauty for brokenness!*
(Hymn of the Month, March 2017)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

The Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed
in majesty before he suffered death upon the
cross, give us grace to perceive his glory, that
we may be strengthened to suffer with him and
be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory.
Thanks be to our glorious God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME



SHARING GOD'S PEACE
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Exodus 24:12-18

OT p. 81

Chorus * *The most Excellency is Jesus*
**The most Excellency is Jesus,
Shout Hallelujah, Amen! (2x)**

St. Matthew 17:1-9 *NT p. 25*
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 448 * *Shine, Jesus, shine!*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Lord our Maker, from you comes
all that we have and all that we are.
Accept these, our gifts, as a sign of our
gratitude for your life-giving word and
for all the mercies you have shown to us.
Take even our lives, and let them be wholly
dedicated to your service; through Jesus
Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Holy God, transform us
and use us to your glory.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Yoruba, Nigeria)
(Please use your preferred language for praying.)
English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

**Baba wa ti mbe li orun; Ki a bowo fun oruko
re. Ki ijoba re de; lfe tire ni ki a se, bi ti orun,
beni li aiye. Fun wa li onje ojo wa loni. Dari
gbese wa ji wa, bi awa ti ndariji awon
onigbese wa. Ma si fa wa sinu idewo, sugbon
gba wa lowo bilisi. Nitori ijoba ni tire, ati
agbara, ati ogo, lailai. Amin.**

Hymn 458 (1) *At the name of Jesus*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 99)

The Lord is king; and the people tremble.
**He is enthroned above the winged
creatures and the earth shakes.**

The Lord is mighty in Zion;
he is supreme over all the nations.
**Everyone will praise his great
and majestic name. Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were his priests,
and Samuel was one who prayed to him;
**they called to the Lord,
and he answered them.**

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
**they obeyed the laws and
commands that he gave them.**

O Lord, our God, you answered your people;
**you showed them that you are
a God who forgives.**

Praise the Lord our God
and worship at his sacred hill!
The Lord our God is holy.

Hymn 132 * *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Upon a high mountain,
O God of majestic glory, you revealed Jesus
in the mystery of his transfiguration as your
Chosen One to whom we must listen.

**In this act of worship may he be revealed to
us in the message of the prophets and the
witness of the apostles, that we may hear his
voice and receive him in faith.**

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:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Church Council** members are reminded of the meeting on **Thursday, 2 March** at 7 p.m. (19:00 hrs) in the *Kirchencafé*.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Germany** and **France**. Link to WCC prayers via: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Join the **Reforma(c)tion 500** challenge to record **Das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten**. Ask Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>
- **What is the Bible?** Our study group series **"Exploring the Bible"** begins next **Sunday, 5 March** at 10:30 a.m. in the *Jugendkeller* of the Church Halls. Course booklets are still available priced € 15 from Pastor Jimmy.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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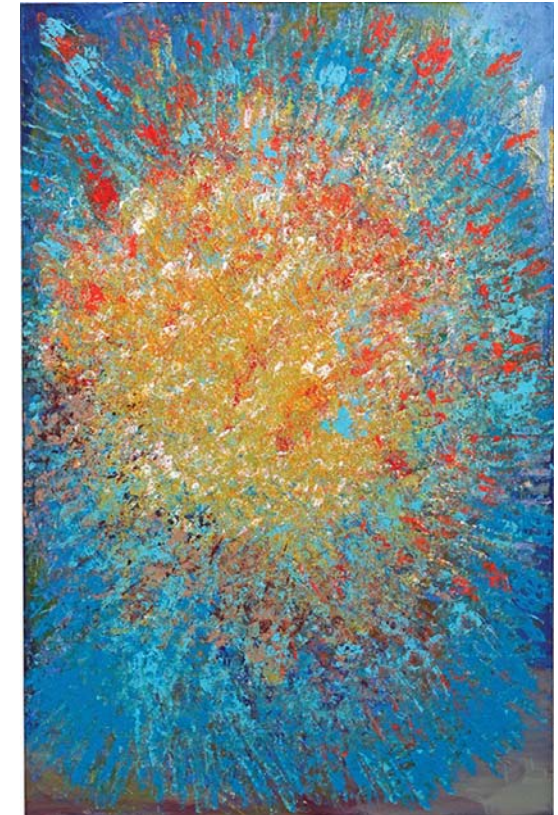
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Transfiguration

"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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