#### Watchword for the Week

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
(Psalm 32:11)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy is the one whom the LORD does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit.

When I did not confess my sins, I was worn out from crying all day long. My strength was completely drained, as moisture is dried up by the summer heat.

Then I confessed my sins to you; I did not conceal my wrongdoings. I decided to confess them to you, and you forgave all my sins.

You are my hiding place; you will save me from trouble. *I sing aloud of your salvation, because you protect me.* 

Hymn 157 \* Sing of the Lord's goodness People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*) (Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

## PRAYER of APPROACH

Because God is good, and has intended us to share his goodness, we open ourselves to nothing less than transformation as we say together: Holv God, holv and mighty.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

You are the Word behind all words, the calm at the core of the storm, the energy that sustains creation.

You are present in the pain behind the tears, the laughter in the eyes, the yearning in the heart.

# All these you share, yet your gift to us is much more.

So, open us up, Lord, we whose lives are locked, whose thoughts are well rehearsed, whose prayer is predictable.

Open us up to depths we have not explored, truths we have avoided, paths we have not followed, beauty we have yet to admire.

Open us up to Jesus, in whom all things are held together for God and for our good. Amen.

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

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

May God be gracious to us and bless us, may God cause his face to shine on us. *May God's purpose be known on earth; God's saving power among the nations.* Thanks be for God's love and mercy. *Amen.* 

ANTHEM Sing unto the Lord a new song

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 🛄

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

St. Matthew 4:1-11 *NT p. 6* 

OT p. 5

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn 338** *Jesus, tempted in the desert* 

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**Hymn 167** \* Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED (Hymn 628)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: God, send your Spirit: renew the life of the earth.

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

Bapa kami yang di sorga, Dikuduskanlah nama-Mu, datanglah Kerajaan-Mu, jadilah kehendak-Mu di bumi seperti di sorga. Berikanlah kami pada hari ini makanan kami yang secukupnya dan ampunilah kami akan kesalahan kami, seperti kami juga mengampuni orang yang bersalah kepada kami; dan janganlah membawa kami ke dalam pencobaan, tetapi lepaskanlah kami dari pada yang jahat. Karena Engkaulah yang empunya Kerajaan dan kuasa dan kemuliaan sampai selama-lamanya. Amin.

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise.** 

It is right to praise you... with all who love Jesus and honour his name we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

Hymn 769 \* Holy, holy, holy

BREAKING the BREAD

INVITATION and COMMUNION (Please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

NOTICES and DISMISSAL

Hymn 519 \* Love divine, all loves excelling

**BLESSING ANTHEM** 

The Lord bless you and keep you Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

# 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.
- > Todav's worship team:

**Duty Elder:** Herold Dehling Reader: Renate Schwarz

Music: Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)

> ECC Choir / Dani Simanjuntak Joyful Singers / Cynthia Ekokobe

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last week's offering totalled € 435.53.
- > 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 Austria. Liechtenstein. Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino. More info at: 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.reformaction2017.de/
- > What is the Bible? Our study group series "Exploring the Bible" has now started. Sessions are on Sundays at 10:30 am in the Jugendkeller of the Church Halls. Ask Pastor Jimmy for course booklets priced € 15 each.
- Please switch all mobile **phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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"Adam & Eve" by Omenihu Amachi (Nigeria)

# Lent 1

# Holy Communion

#### "Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace - on departure, blessing" (Pauluskirche Bochum - Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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