

Watchword for the Week

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.
(John 3:16)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

ENTRY CHORUSES (all standing)

1. **Dependable, reliable God (2x)**
I will do as you say,
you are worthy to be praised,
dependable, reliable God.
2. **The most Excellency is Jesus,**
Shout Hallelujah, Amen! (2x)
3. **He is a miracle working God. (2x)**
He is the Alpha and the Omega,
He is a miracle working God. Alleluia!

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where will my help come?
My help comes from God,
who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved.
The one who keeps you will not slumber.
The one who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

God is your keeper,
your shade at your right hand.
The sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

God will keep you from all evil.
God will keep your life.
God will keep your going out and your
coming
in from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn 154 * *How great thou art*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Lord God you are here,
you are everywhere we go.
Lord God, you guide us; you protect us.
You are wherever we go.
Lord, we need you, we trust you.
You are wherever we go.
Lord, we love you, we praise you.
You are wherever we go.

Lord God, you love us
more than there are stars in the sky.
We praise you that you care for us
more than there are planets in space.
Your devotion to us is bigger
than the universe itself.
And so this day and always,
we praise and worship you,
honour and serve you, trust and love you.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear these words, as if from Jesus himself:
Thank you for talking with me; I have listened to
your questions and concerns. You have heard
my words and my word to you is this: you are
forgiven. For I have been sent into the world not
to condemn it but to save it and I have come to
save you, my child. Receive this forgiveness and
may my spirit birth new life within you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG:
Spirit of God in the clear running water,
Blowing to greatness the trees on the hill –
Spirit of God in the finger of morning,
Fill the earth, bring it to birth,
and blow where You will.
Blow, blow, blow till I be,
but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *NT p. 191*
St. John 3:1-17 *NT p. 119*
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 259 v. 1+2 *Beauty for brokenness!*
(Hymn of the Month, March 2017)

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth*

Hymn 555 * *Amazing grace*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Most merciful and gracious God, from whose
bounty we have all received, accept these
offerings, that they may support your Church
and promote peace and goodwill among all
people, as Jesus taught and lived. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response (Hymn 805)
O God, may your kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

The LORD'S PRAYER (sung as a solo)
English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

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, the power, and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 251 * *Here I am, Lord*

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: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
Reader: Marcus Sarpong
Music: Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
Joyful Singers / Cynthia Ekokobe
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last week's offering totalled €296.10.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Next Sunday's** worship will include prayers for healing. During the week ahead, please **write your prayer requests on the enclosed slip** and bring it along next week.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Myanmar** and **Thailand**. More info at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **International churches** in Bochum are organising multilingual worship for 5 June (Pentecost). Contact Pastor Jimmy if you are interested in joining the planning group.
- 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/>
- **"Exploring the Bible"** study group sessions are in the *Jugendkeller* of the Church Halls at 10:30 am Sundays. Course booklets: € 15.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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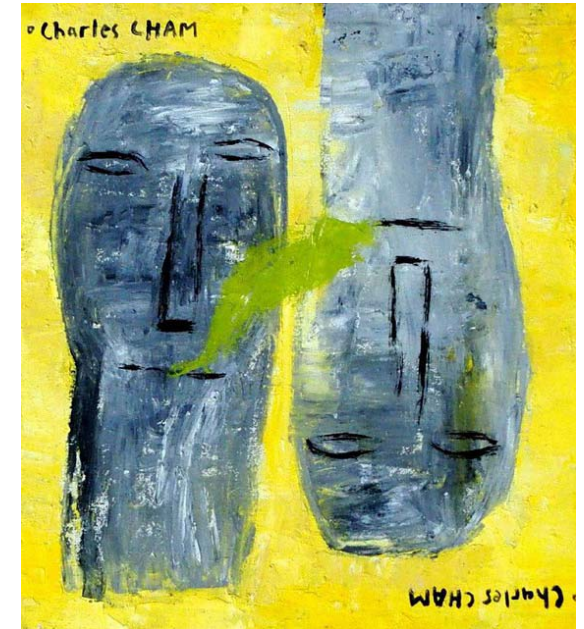
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"Secret Conversation" (2015)
by Charles Cham

Lent 2

"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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