

Watchword for the Week

And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7-8)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

Holy Spirit, descend on us as we worship; bring us together, help us to journey with you – Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die.

Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself.

And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, **make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God, your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the skies. Your righteousness is towering like the mountains; your justice is like the depths of the sea. We find protection under the shadow of your wings. You are the source of all life. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn 185 * *Come, children, join and sing*

CHILDREN'S TIME



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 2:5-11 *NT p. 248 (247)*

St. Matthew 21:1-11 *NT p. 30*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 395 *What wondrous love is this?*
(Hymn of the Month, April 2017)

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 364 * *All glory, laud, and honour*

PALM PROCESSION / OFFERING
Please bring your offerings and your "palm" leaves forward and place them in the altar space.

DEDICATION PRAYER

Gracious God, even on a day such as this, when more than any other we contemplate how we have failed to uphold your word and your work, still we offer you these gifts of our hands and our hearts, and pray that you will receive them and use them, that together we might continue to tell the world of your love. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS
God, our Father: **let your will be done.**

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 365 * *Ride on! Ride on in majesty!*

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

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WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES

Humble and riding on a donkey,
we greet you;
acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,
we cheer you;
moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power,
we salute you – Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden
a new dignity;
you are giving majesty **a new face;**
you are giving those who long for redemption
a new song to sing.
With them, with heart and voice,
we shout – 'Hosanna!'

Hymn 367 * *Hosanna, loud hosanna*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Easter draws near; the pace quickens;
the clamour grows; rumours fly;
the opposition marshals its forces.
The disciples, ordinary men and women,
bewildered among unfamiliar scenes,
faced down by institutions,
blunder after you, their Teacher,
Lord, Jesus Christ.

May our own journey through these days
be not clouded by foreknowledge,
by knowing too well what happened,
so that we might be able to see
what we have not yet seen
in the events of this coming week,
and also what we would rather not see.

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:**
 - Reader:** Bob Haworth
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 230.40.
- 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 **East Timor, Indonesia** and the **Philippines**. Visit our website for more details and prayer link: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Holy Week Diary:**
 - Thursday, 13 April** (Maundy Thursday)
19:30 hrs **Choral Communion Worship**
 - Friday, 14 April** (Good Friday)
12:30 hrs **Worship** with Holy Communion
 - Saturday, 15 April** (Easter Vigil)
23:00 hrs **Osternacht** in German
 - Sunday, 16 April** (Easter Sunday)
12:30 hrs **Worship** with Holy Communion
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Palm Sunday

"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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