

Watchword for Good Friday
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)

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(Verses from Psalm 22)

I am no longer a human being; I am a worm,
despised and scorned by everyone!
All who see me jeer at me; they stick out their
tongues and shake their heads.
“You relied on the Lord,” they say.
“Why doesn’t he save you? If the Lord
likes you, why doesn’t he help you?”


But you are enthroned as the Holy One,
the one whom Israel praises.
Our ancestors put their trust in you;
they trusted you, and you saved them.
***They called to you and escaped from danger;
they trusted you and were not disappointed.***


Merciful God, we meet each other today at this cross as inhabitants of one world...


As those who... :
be merciful to us.

 St. John 18:1-11 NT p. 141
The Arrest of Jesus

 St. John 18:15-18 NT p. 141
Jesus before Annas | Peter Denies Jesus

 St. John 18:19-27 NT p. 142
The High Priest Questions Jesus
Peter Denies Jesus Again

 St. John 18:28-38^a NT p. 142
Jesus is Brought before Pilate

 St. John 18:38^b – 19:16^a *NT p. 143*
Jesus is Sentenced to Death

📖 St. John 19:16^b-30 NT p. 143
Jesus is Crucified | The Death of Jesus

📖 St. John 19:31-42 NT p. 144
Jesus' Side is Pierced | The Burial of Jesus

Hymn 395 *What wondrous love is this?*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, April 2017)

The attitude you should have
is the one that Christ Jesus had:
***He always had the nature of God,
but he did not think that by force
he should try to remain equal with God.***
***Instead of this, of his own free will he gave
up all he had, and took the nature of a
servant. He became like a human being and
appeared in human likeness. He was humble
and walked the path of obedience all the way
to death – his death on the cross.***
***For this reason God raised him to the
highest place above and gave him the name
that is greater than any other name.***
***And so, in honour of the name of Jesus all
beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world
below will fall on their knees, and will openly
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father. Amen.***

...oppressor who lies deep in our own soul; the seeking and the loving. ***And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine of justice, and who hold out for the time that is coming.***

And so we proclaim:
This is the death we celebrate.
This is the new life we proclaim.
This is the vision we await.

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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*.
- **Holy Communion** forms part of today's worship. You are **invited to participate**.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty Elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- 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
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



Them and Us

*And still the elites betray us every day,
Despite the fact that they need hardly bother,
For they've discovered many an easy way
Of prompting us to betray each other.*

Peter Kocan (b. 1947)
Australian poet



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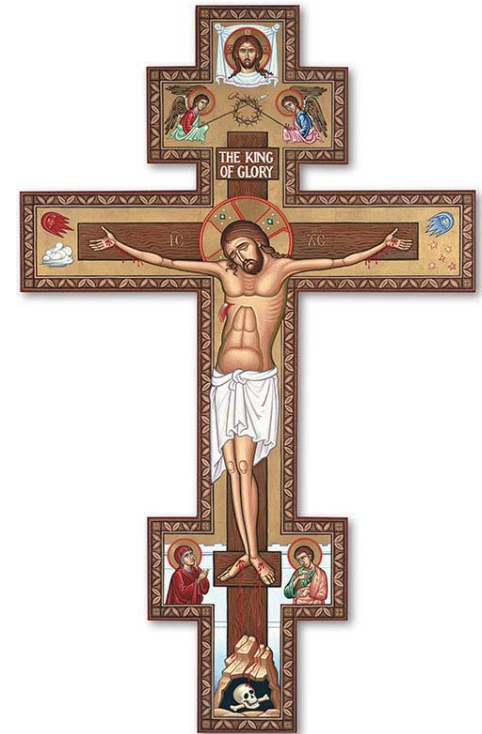
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"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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