

Watchword for the Week

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

Listen to the glad shouts in the tents of God's people: "God's mighty power has done it!"

**I will not die; instead, I will live
and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hymn 410 * *Jesus Christ is risen today*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Before the beginning, before God began to create the heavens and the earth, hidden in the Soul of the Sacred, deep within the Depthless Dark, in Eternity's silence, the exploding and ever-expanding cosmos, conceived in the Father's womb, formed, evolved and was born; beyond all understanding, from cavernous silence and darkness, **new life was born.**

Before the women arrived, before the angel spoke, before the stone was moved, in the silence of the sepulchre, in the airless dark of the cave, hidden from all but the Holy One, **new life was born.**

Billions of years ago, **new life was born.**

Two thousands of years ago, **new life was born.** Today **new life is born in us.**

Hidden within our depthless dark, in the silence of our soul, the Sacred is reborn, the Spirit of the Risen Christ rises once again.

May we know the Spirit of Jesus within us, hear His voice call us by name, touch His crucified feet, receive from His hands bread broken, the sacrament of forgiveness, and, in the mind's eye, see Him stand before us, gaze into our eyes, saying 'Peace be with you.'

Christ Jesus is risen. **Alleluia! Amen.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Christ is risen. **Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:1-6 OT p. 766 (767)

Hymn 779 * *Listen now for the Gospel!*

St. John 20:1-18 NT p. 144
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 415 * *This joyful Eastertide*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

EASTER ACCLAMATION of FAITH

Risen Lord,

You love us. You call us. You change us.

Let us recognise your coming, however gently or dramatically you approach us.

Let us recognise your coming, whoever you use to make yourself known to us.

Let us recognise your coming, whatever time or situation you use to approach us.

Let us recognise your compassionate emergence into the dark places of our lives,

your generous summons which you constantly utter, your transforming touch upon the bleak places of our world.

**Lord of life, of hope, of resurrection,
we dedicate ourselves to you. Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Life-giving God: **transform our lives**

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

... we may continue faithful in all things. **In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

BREAKING of BREAD

The LORD'S PRAYER (Galilean Aramaic)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uoHquJYGPM>)
English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

Avvon d-bish-maiya, nith-qaddash shim-mukh. Tih-teh mal-chootukh. Nih-weh çiw-yanukh: ei-chana d'bish-maiya: ap b'ar-ah. Haw lan lakh-ma d'soonqa-nan yoo-mana. O'shwooq lan kho-bein: ei-chana d'ap kh'nan shwiq-qan l'khaya-ween. Oo'la te-ellan l'niss-yoona: il-la paç-çan min beesha. Mid-til de-di-lukh hai mal-choota oo khai-la oo tush-bookh-ta l'alam al-mein. Aa-meen.

SHARING BREAD and WINE
(please come forward for communion)

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING

Hymn 419 * *Thine be the glory*

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Tamsin Kostrzewa
 - 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 **Japan, North Korea, South Korea** and **Taiwan**. More information and prayers link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



« La trahison des images »
René Magritte (1898-1967)



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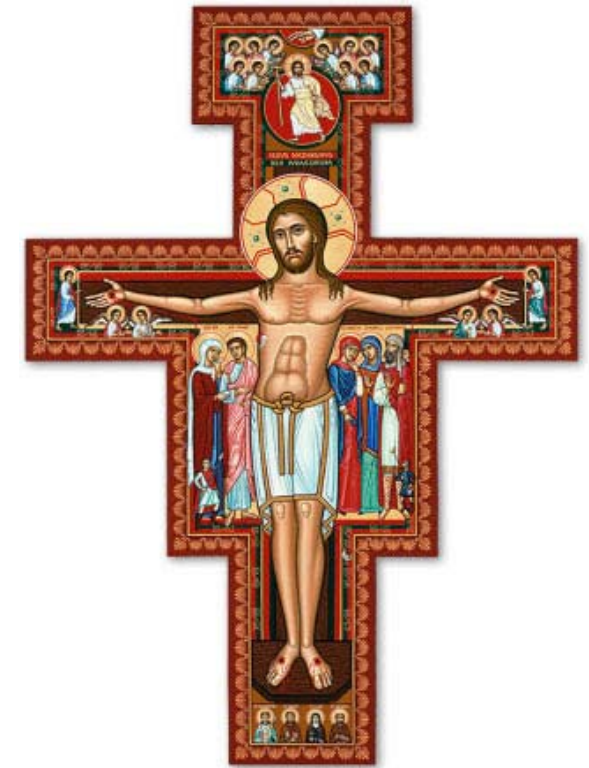
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Ceci n'est pas un mort

"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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