

Watchword for the Week

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 16)

Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; all the good things I have come from you."

You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need; my future is in your hands.

I am always aware of the LORD's presence; he is near, and nothing can shake me.

And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure, ***because you protect me from the power of death.***

I have served you faithfully, ***and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.***

You will show me the path that leads to life, ***your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure for ever.***

Hymn 409 1-3 * *Jesus is risen, alleluia!*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Glory be to you, O God,
Father of mercy, giver of life and hope:
We rejoice in your love and mercy.

Glory be to you, O God,
Saviour and Christ, giver of freedom and peace:
We rejoice in your love and mercy.

Glory be to you, O God,
Holy compassion, Spirit of glory and grace:
We rejoice in your love and mercy.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus,
that, like your first disciples,

we have so little faith,
we harbour doubts,
we hide away in fear.

When disaster comes,
and nothing makes sense,
and nothing feels right,
we feel abandoned by you, O God, and cry to you to prove yourself a God of love.

When children cry
and their cries are not heard,
and they die from neglect,
we feel abandoned by you, O God, and cry to you to prove yourself a God of love.

When peace breaks down,
and lives are maimed
by bombs and tanks and mines,
we feel abandoned by you, O God, and cry to you to prove yourself a God of love.

When Jesus died
and was placed in the tomb,
the hope of all the earth destroyed,
we felt abandoned by you, O God, and cried to you to prove yourself a God of love.

Hymn 409 4-5 * *Go and tell others...*

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear the words of grace: Jesus is raised.
Death is not the final word. God is love.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:3-9 *NT p. 294 (292)*

St. John 20:19-31 *NT p. 145*
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 Pastorin Heike Lengenfeld-Brown

Hymn 406 * *They crucified my Saviour*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER (responsive)

God has raised Jesus up; he is alive,
bringing broken people back to life.

We will witness to his living presence.

God has raised Jesus up; he is alive,
hearing the cries of the hungry on our streets.

We will witness to his living presence.

God has raised Jesus up; he is alive,
speaking out against injustice and oppression.

We will witness to his living presence.

God has raised Jesus up; he is alive,
carrying the pain of caring.

We will witness to his living presence.

God has raised Jesus up; he is alive,
in the hearts of those who put their trust in him.
We will witness to his living presence. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord in your presence ***we lift our hearts to you.***

The LORD'S PRAYER

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 530 * *One more step along the world*

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:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
 - 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 ***Djibouti*** and ***Somalia***. Info and prayer link at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



Lord, when our success and comfort
make us forget those who suffer:
Show us your hands and your side.

Lord, when we are confused,
lost and bewildered:
Grant us your peace, and send us out in
confidence to do your will in the world.

(Australian Prayer based on
the story of St. Thomas)



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Easter 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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