

### Watchword for the Week

You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. (1 Peter 1:23)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 116)

L.: The danger of death was all round me, and the horrors of the grave closed in on me.

R.: I called to the Lord,  
"I beg you, Lord, save me!"

All: **The Lord is merciful and good;  
our God is compassionate.**

L.: What can I offer the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?

R.: I will bring a praise offering to the Lord.

All: **I will give you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and offer my prayer to you.**

**Hymn 413 \*** *The day of resurrection!*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

## PRAYER of APPROACH

For the morning light that woke us,  
the water that bathed us,  
the breakfast that nourished us,  
**Most generous Creator, we thank you.**

For a welcome at the church door,  
the faces of fellow believers,  
and the symbols of faith in this sanctuary  
dedicated to your praise.  
**Most generous Creator, we thank you.**

For music and singing,  
praying and reflecting and for the ancient  
readings from sacred Scripture,  
**Most generous Creator, we thank you.**

For the Living Word that speaks to us through  
the words of preaching and for the chinks of light  
which break into our inadequate understanding.  
**Most generous Creator, we thank you.**

For the ongoing celebration of Easter;  
for Jesus who died and rose for our liberation  
and for the promise that wherever as few as two  
or three gather in his name, he is present,  
**Most generous Creator, we thank you.**

For the times we have failed to recognise you  
walking beside us in those who hunger and  
thirst for food and for justice,  
**Most generous Lord, forgive us.**

For the times we have failed to encounter you  
in our weary and anxious neighbour,  
in the stranger and in those different from us,  
**Most generous Lord, forgive us.**

For the times we have failed to celebrate your  
presence in the tears and laughter of the world,  
in sick and healthy, young and old,  
**Most generous Lord, forgive us.**

**Hymn 776 \*** *Kyrie eleison*

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

The world with its huge need is always with us.  
Yet so is the constant encouraging presence of  
Christ, who says, "I am with you always."  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:17-23 *NT p. 295 (293)*

St. Luke 24:13-35 *NT p. 114*  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 404 \*** *I danced in the morning*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

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

## DEDICATION PRAYER (responsive)

Lord God, you went before the Israelites  
in a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire,  
leading them from slavery to freedom:  
**Journey with us in paths that lead to life.**

Lord God, you walk with your disciples  
along the Emmaus Road, leading them  
from grief to expectant hope:  
**Journey with us in paths that lead to life.**

Lord God, you met your apostles at Pentecost  
with rushing wind and visionary tongues of  
flame, leading them to dance and sing for joy:  
**Journey with us in paths that lead to life.**  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord God, **abide with us.**

## 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 421 \*** *Our Lord Christ hath risen!*

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:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 175.36. Offerings during Holy Week totalled € 687.44 (Palm Sunday: € 147.49; Good Friday: € 143.50; and Easter Sunday: € 396.45)
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Eritrea** and **Ethiopia**. Info and prayer link at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- 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/> and share the Lord's Prayer in your language with Pastor Jimmy for inclusion in worship.
- **What is the Bible?** Our study group series "**Exploring the Bible**" has resumed. Further sessions are at 10:30 am in the *Jugendkeller* (cellar clubroom) of the Church Halls on Sunday 7 May, 14 May, and 21 May.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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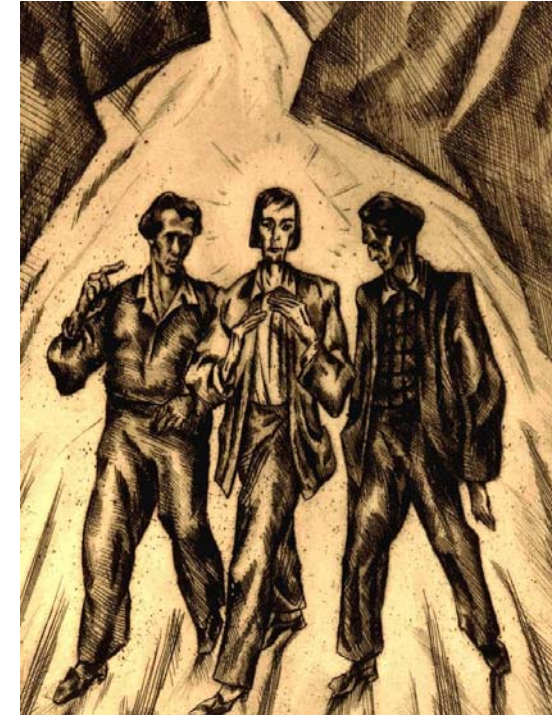
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"The Road to Emmaus"  
(anonymous etching, Berlin, 1920s)

# Easter 3

"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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