

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus says: "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

(Matthew 10:39)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

***We come grieving our losses and struggling with our incapacities.***

**Hymn 776 \*** *Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)*

We come with our blind spots and inflexibility, our angers, selfishness, and hidden agendas.

***We come with our conflicts and sadness, we come because we have been wrong and have been wronged against.***

**Hymn 776 \*** *Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)*

We come wanting to be vital and authentic and seeking wisdom. We come longing for comfort and restoration and to encounter your love and grace.

***Abide with us as we seek strength in our weakness, healing from our failings and forgiveness for our wrongdoings. Amen.***

**Hymn 619 + 620 \*** *Spirit of the living God*

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear these words of assurance from Father Richard Rohr, SJ: "God is saving all of us, no exceptions. We are all saved in spite of ourselves, good and bad alike." We can be sure that there is no place and no circumstance that will ever exclude us from the love of God.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Including **Hymn 137 \***

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings. (Refrain)*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 21:8-21 *OT p. 20*

St. Matthew 10:24-39 *NT p. 15*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 257 \*** *Singing, we gladly worship*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth*

**Hymn 665** *One bread, one body, one Lord  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)  
(Hymn of the Month, June 2017)*

### DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

***All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You give us the gift of life and new life in Christ. In response to your gifts, we offer our gifts to you. May we be gifts to one another and respond to the needs of your world. Amen.***

### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, hear our prayer: (Sung response, **Hymn 801**)  
***Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.***

### The LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)*

***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 220 \*** *The day you gave us, Lord*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

*(Verses from Psalm 86)*

You are my God, so be merciful to me;  
I pray to you all day long.

***Make your servant glad, O Lord,  
because my prayers go up to you.***

You are good to us and forgiving, full of  
constant love for all who pray to you.

***Listen, LORD, to my prayer; hear my cries  
for help. I call to you in times of trouble,  
because you answer my prayers.***

There is no god like you, O Lord, not one  
has done what you have done.

***All the nations that you have created  
will come and bow down to you;  
they will praise your greatness.***

You are mighty and do wonderful things;  
you alone are God.

**Hymn 160 \*** *Praise, my soul, the king*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

Living God, we enter this time of worship,  
feeling you calling and urging us  
to be part of your family.

We stand with all people, gathered here in hope,  
choosing to be a place where your generosity  
and kindness dwell.

***God, giver of life, we come into this place  
as we are, and without any pretense. We take  
this time to look at ourselves as we truly are.***

We come with our imperfections, our failures,  
and limited by our fears.

# 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:**
  - Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth
  - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Tamsin Kostrzewa
  - Organ:** Ropudani Simanjuntak
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay**. Link from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **'Hagar'- a Global Opera Performance** is a theatre production involving local Jewish, Moslem, Christian groups (including our own **ECC Choir**) at the *Bochum Kammerspiele*
  - Thursday, 29 June** at 19:30 hrs **Premiere**
  - Sunday, 2 July** at 19:00 hrstickets € 11.00 - € 30.50 (€ 7.00 - € 15.50)
- Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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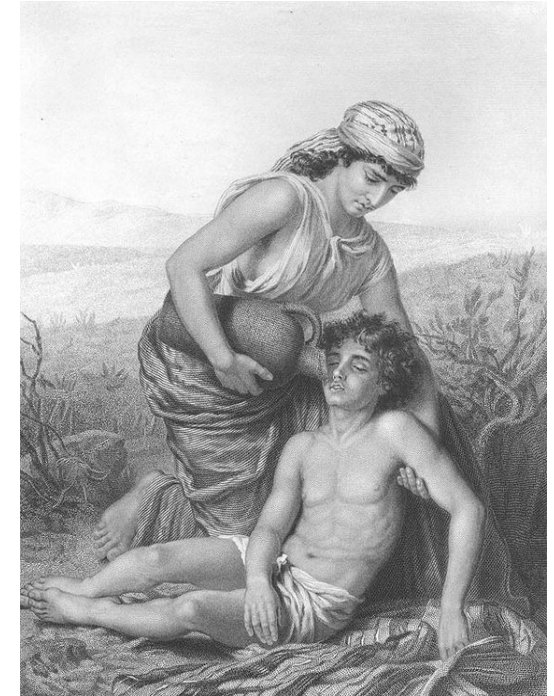
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**"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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