

### Watchword for All Saints' Day

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! (Revelation 7:10)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea and sky, you are ever present.

***O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
soul within all souls, in everything we touch,  
in everyone we meet you are there,  
and we give you thanks.***

But where we have not touched  
but trampled on your creation;  
where we have not honoured  
but avoided you in one another;  
where we have not received  
but rejected your goodness,  
forgive us and hear our plea for your pardon.

Holy God, ***holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal, have mercy on us.***

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

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

Know that God is good,  
and that to those who are truly sorry  
God forgives what is past  
and enables us to begin again.

Once we were no people,  
***now we are God's people.***  
Once we were beyond God's mercy,  
***now that mercy has been given to us.***

So let us live as those who treasure God's costly  
generosity, by safeguarding God's earth,  
delighting in its people, and loving our Maker  
to whom be glory for ever.  
***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

**Hymn 762 \*** *Glory to God in the highest!*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17 *NT p. 318 (315)*

St. Matthew 5:1-12 *NT p. 7*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 749 \*** *Soon and very soon*  
(Hymn of the Month, November 2017)

### SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 341 \*** *Blest are they, the poor in spirit*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED (words at Hymn 628)

### PRAYERS of CONCERN

God in your mercy, ***bring healing, bring peace.***

### The LORD'S PRAYER

English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)  
(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

**Hymn 665** *One bread, one body*

### COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you, ***and also with you.***  
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to God.***  
Let us give thanks to God.  
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

...We give you thanks and praise.  
***We give you thanks and praise.***

...we join our voices to those of earth, sea and  
sky, in the universal hymn of praise which  
echoes through time and eternity:

**Hymn 769 \*** *Holy, holy, holy*

### PRAYER of CONSECRATION

(in which bread is broken and the cup raised)

**Hymn 778** *Lamb of God, you take away*

### INVITATION and CELEBRATION

(please come forward to share communion)

The PEACE (all share a sign of peace)

### NOTICES and PRAYER

**Hymn 740** \*1+4, 7-8 *For all the saints*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Based on verses from Psalm 107)

"Give thanks to the LORD,  
because he is good; his love is eternal!"  
***Repeat these words in praise to the LORD,  
all you whom he has saved.***

He has rescued you from your enemies and has  
brought you back from foreign countries,  
***from east and west, from north and south,  
the LORD has called his people together.***

Some wandered in the trackless desert and  
could not find their way to a city to live in.  
***They were hungry and thirsty  
and had given up all hope.***

Then in their trouble, they called to the LORD,  
and he saved them from their distress.  
***He led them by a straight road  
to a city where they could live.***

Give thanks to the LORD for his constant love,  
for the wonderful things he has done.  
***He satisfies those who are thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.***

**Hymn 152 \*** *Praise the Lord, his glories show*

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

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

We gather in God's name;  
***we claim Christ's promised presence.***

My sisters and brothers,  
not out of dread and fear,  
but believing in the understanding and  
forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what  
we need to carry no longer.

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens,  
lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth,

# 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:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
  - Organist:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 254.50.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda**. Link to prayers from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Our **Guest Preacher** next Sunday is **Geeske Brinkmann**, who will be sharing leadership of worship with Pastor Jimmy.
- The **Annual General Meeting** will be held after worship on **Sunday, 26 November**.
- **Youth Presbytery 2018:** Calling all 18-26 year olds! Topic: **"Hope & Balance – the pursuit of a happy life in a world of chaos."** Date: 16-18 February 2018. Venue: The Scots Kirk of Lausanne (Switzerland). Talk to Pastor Jimmy if you'd like to attend.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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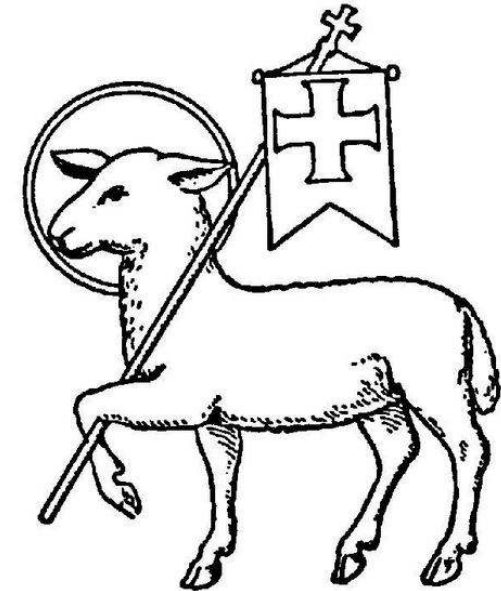
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## All Saints' Sunday

### Holy Communion

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

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

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Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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