

Watchword for the Week

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour. (Psalm 29:2)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;
praise his glory and power.

**Praise the LORD's gracious name; bow down
before the Holy One when he appears.**

The voice of the LORD is heard on the seas;
the glorious God thunders,
and his voice echoes over the ocean.

**The voice of the LORD is heard
in all its might and majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
even the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes the mountains of Lebanon
jump like calves and makes Mount Hermon
leap like a young bull.**

The voice of the LORD makes the lightning flash.
His voice makes the desert shake;
he shakes the desert of Kadesh.

**The LORD's voice shakes the oaks and strips
the leaves from the trees while everyone in
his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"**

The LORD rules over the deep waters;
he rules as king for ever.

**The LORD gives strength to his people
and blesses them with peace.**

Hymn 112 * *God, whose almighty word*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God of heaven and earth,
we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your
holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit.

**Speak to us with grace and truth and pour
out your love upon us so that this temple
may resound with joyful shouts of glory.**

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see
us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.

**Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of the gospel:

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God
says to each of us: You are my beloved child,
and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ
we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SOLO

"Oceans"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

OT p. 3

St. Mark 1:4-11

NT p. 45

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 135

O laughing Light

(Hymn of the Month, January 2018)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 326 *

As with gladness men of old

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Each thing we have received
came from you.**

**Each thing for which we hope
will come from you.**

Each thing we enjoy

is of your giving.

**Each thing for which we ask
comes from your disposing. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Gracious God, Lord of Light, **hear our prayer.**

Hymn 673 * *Let us talents and tongues employ*

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you... with all who love Jesus
and honour his name we praise you, singing the
hymn of your everlasting glory:

Hymn 769 *

Holy, holy, holy

Now we celebrate the feast of our redemption...
... and is worshipped and glorified with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

BREAKING the BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

INVITATION and COMMUNION

(Please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CLOSING PRAYERS

Hymn 476 *

Mine eyes have seen 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:** Herold Dehling
 - Soloist:** Charlotte Kreimer
(Keyboard: Adrian Hasameta)
 - Organist:** Nicole Brämer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €227.04.
- 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 the **Arabian Peninsula: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen; Iran and Iraq**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Worship on 21 January Christian Unity Sunday** with guest preacher Rev Emmanuel Mote Ndasah (PCC) and 1-year laying-off of mourning by ECC member Celine Hoffmann.
- **Birthdays** in the past week:
 - 31 December Abigail Okonkwo
 - 6 January 2018 Caroline Kreimer
 - 7 January (today) Emmanuel Okonkwo
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Epiphany / Covenant
Holy Communion

"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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