

**Watchword for the Week**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.  
(Psalm 147:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

**and cast out demons.  
Make us agents of healing and wholeness,  
that your good news may be made known  
to the ends of your creation. Amen.**

**Hymn 357 \*** *This is my will, my new command*  
(Hymn of the Month, February 2018)

**DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS**

Praise the Lord!  
Our God heals the broken-hearted  
and binds up our wounds.  
God takes pleasure in those  
who place their trust in divine grace.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Isaiah 40:21-31 OT p. 703 (702)

**Hymn** *Those who wait on the Lord*

Those who wait on the Lord  
*shall renew their strength,  
they shall rise up on wings as eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint:  
help us Lord, help us Lord in your way.*

Those who serve the suffering world...

Those who live the risen life...

Those who love the Mystery...

Those who die on the march...

Those who wait on the Lord...

St. Mark 1:29-39 NT p. 46

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 720 \*** *There is a longing in our hearts*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

The APOSTLES' CREED (Hymn 628)

**PRAYERS for OTHERS**

Response: Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**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.**

**COMMUNION PREFACE**

**Hymn 665 \*** *One bread, one body, one Lord*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

**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*

**BREAKING the BREAD**

**INVITATION and COMMUNION**

(Please come forward to share)

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

**NOTICES and DISMISSAL**

**Hymn 175 \*** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP**

(Verses from Psalm 147 – New International Version)

How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!  
**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God on the harp.**

He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.  
**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.**

He heals the broken-hearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
**The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

He supplies the earth with rain  
and makes the grass grow on the hills.  
**He provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they call.**

His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of a man;  
**the LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hop in his unflinching love.**

**Hymn 103 \*** *Fill your hearts with joy*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

**PRAYER of APPROACH**

When the voice of God sounds...

When the voice of God speaks....  
...among people who have new possibilities.

**Everlasting God,  
you give strength to the powerless  
and power to the faint;  
you raise up the sick**

# 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:** Justus Masa
  - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
  - Organist:** Nicole Brämer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €264.54.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Ireland** and the **United Kingdom**. Link from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- You are also invited to **pray this week** for:
  - ♦ **St. Andrew's Scots Kirk, Colombo**, Sri Lanka, currently vacant and served by Rev. Jim Sharp (Geneva), its Session, Session Clerk Chandan da Silva, its work & witness (<http://www.scotskirk.lk/>)
  - ♦ The member churches of the **Kirche in der Stadt** (KidS) ecumenical group in Bochum: *St. Peter and Paul (Propstei), Methodist Church (Alleestr.), the Bahnhofsmision, Baptist Church (Hermannshöhe), our own host Pauluskirche, the ECC, etc.*
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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5th after Epiphany  
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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