

### Watchword for the Week

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

*Nada te turbe / Nothing can trouble* (Taizé 50)

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Hymn 760 \*** *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (Taizé 25)  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 OT p. 767 (768)

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia* (Taizé 69)

St. John 12:20-33 NT p. 135  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 347** *Unless a single grain of wheat fall*

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**Hymn 396(2)** *And can it be, that I should gain?*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)  
(Hymn of the Month, March 2018)

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer:

*Kyrie, Kyrie eleison* (Taizé 79)

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.**

INVITATION to the Laying on of Hands

**Chorus** (Taizé 30)

*In manus tuas, Pater, commendo spiritum meum.*

(Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit.)

### PRAYER of INVOCATION

Come Holy Spirit,  
you have placed yearning in our hearts,  
now bring healing to body, mind and spirit.  
Bless the heads that bow,  
the hands that touch,  
the hearts that hope.

**Bring healing; bring peace.**

*If you wish to receive the prayer of blessing and the laying-on of hands, come to sit, stand or kneel in the sanctuary area. You may also share in pronouncing the prayer of blessing on others.*

### PRAYER for the LAYING-ON of HANDS

**Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enter you, body, mind, and spirit, and heal you of all that harms you, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Singt dem Herrn ein neues Lied* (Taizé 24)

*Sing to God with joyful hearts.  
Praise the Lord for evermore.  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

### SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**Hymn 359 \*** *He came down...*

BLESSING (Ancient Syriac Prayer)

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES

Jesus says,  
"Ask and you will receive,  
seek and you will find,  
knock and the door will be opened."

**Amen.**

Jesus says,  
"Come to me all you who labour  
and are heavy laden. I will give you rest.

**Amen.**

Jesus says,  
"Heal the sick." "Feed the hungry."  
"Free the oppressed." "Watch and pray."

**Amen.**

**Hymn 641 \*** *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

Eternal God, we praise you as centuries of people have done within these walls.

**We are not alone: saints and angels,  
invisible, yet in splendour, surround us;  
Jesus, the healer, is with us.**

Your Holy Spirit leads us to yearn for our own completeness, for the well-being of others, and for a better life.

**Fill us with the expectation of goodness;  
and should any here feel burdened by guilt  
or inadequacy, let the grace of Jesus  
be made real in all its liberating power.**

Here let your word come alive in our hearing;  
here let our concern respond to your compassion.

**Here let hope lead a path through heaviness;  
here may your kingdom come. Amen.**

# 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:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
  - Music:** Arno Hartmann (Organ)  
The ECC Choir
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Cambodia, Laos** and **Vietnam**. Link from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- You are also invited to **pray this week** for:
  - ♦ **St. Andrew's Malta**, a union of Methodist and Church of Scotland, their Minister Rev. Kim Hurst and Presbytery Elder Christa Wiegand (<http://www.standrewsmalta.com/>)
  - ♦ The members of the **ECC Church Council**
- **Holy Week Diary:**
  - Sunday, 25 March** (Palm Sunday) 12:30 hrs  
**Family Worship** & Palm Procession
  - Thursday, 29 March** (Maundy Thursday)  
19:30 hrs **Table Communion Fellowship**
  - Friday, 30 March** (Good Friday)  
12:30 hrs **Worship** with Holy Communion
  - Sunday, 1 April** (Easter Sunday)  
12:30 hrs **Worship** with Holy Communion
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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## Lent 5

## Prayers for Healing

"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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