

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:62)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God,
who reigns in the highest heaven.
Ease our anxiety and guide our questioning.
Forgive our misunderstanding, our lack
of compassion, and any distrust of you.
Reorient our sight, so that we may look to you
and not the idols of this world.

**Hold fast to us, God. Teach us and love us
that we may know your ways and do
likewise.** It is in your name we pray. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME



Hymn 369 *Here comes Jesus on a donkey*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may go to the Arts & Crafts table at the back)

PASSION READING

Philippians 2:5-11 *NT p. 248 (247)*

Hymn 396(2) Verses 1-3 *And can it be?*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, March 2018)

PALM SUNDAY READING

St. Mark 11:1-11 *NT p. 61*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 364 * *All glory, laud and honour*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 185 *Come, children, join and sing*
*(Palm procession – all are invited to walk down the
centre aisle waving palm branches and bringing
offerings to the basket at the front steps)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

(Source: PC Cameroon Book of Divine Services)

**Holy God, you bestow generous blessings
upon us. We receive the gift of time to be
intentional with how our time is used. We
receive the gift of talent that our skills may
be used for creative and restorative
purposes. We receive the gift of income,
to share with those in need, to support
ministries in our community and in the
world, and to build your kingdom here on
earth. May all the gifts we bring be used for
your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response: (SGP 67)

Come to us, Lord Jesus,
Maranatha! Maranatha!
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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 365 * *Ride on! Ride on in majesty!*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES

God calls us to go and find,
and so we seek God's will.

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of our God.**

God provides what is needed
for our tasks and labours.

Blessed is the coming reign of God.

In the midst of our questions and uncertainty,
God is revealed to us.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 367 * *Hosanna, loud hosanna*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God of love and compassion, we celebrate
your joyful and disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest!

In that same way we anticipate, with
expectant hearts, your presence in this place.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, knowing your love has arrived
and is made manifest in Jesus the Christ.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, prepared to be changed
by the grace we receive in your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, with our whole being to prepare the
way for the coming of love incarnate.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest! 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:** Eric Obimdi
 - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 330.97.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **China, Hong Kong, and Macau**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please also **pray this week** for the **Scots Kirk Paris**, (<http://www.scotskirkparis.com/>), the **World Communion of Reformed Churches** (<http://wcrch.ch/>), and the **World Council of Churches** (<http://www.oikoumene.org/en>)
- **Pledge letters** to help develop our links with **Azire P.C. Cameroon** are available from Derick Fonjong of the Church Council.
- **Holy Week Diary:**
 - 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 **Family Worship** | Communion
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Palm Sunday

"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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