

Watchword for Good Friday

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 22)

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me? I have cried
desperately for help, but still it does not come;
**during the day I call to you, my God, but you
do not answer; I call at night, but get no rest.**

I am no longer a human being; I am a worm,
despised and scorned by everyone!
All who see me jeer at me; they stick out their
tongues and shake their heads.
**“You relied on the Lord,” they say.
“Why doesn’t he save you? If the Lord
likes you, why doesn’t he help you?”**

But you are enthroned as the Holy One,
the one whom Israel praises.
Our ancestors put their trust in you;
they trusted you, and you saved them.
**They called to you and escaped from danger;
they trusted you and were not disappointed.**

Hymn 392 verses 1+2 * *When I survey...*
People’s Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn 392 verses 3+4 *See! From his head...*

INTRODUCTION *So let our story begin...*

The PASSION NARRATIVE

The Last Supper Matthew 26:26-29

From this last meal with your friends, gracious
Christ, you handed on to us the continuing
source of strength for our journey through life.
**Help us to be conscious of your love and
care, and ready to receive your great gift.**

Hymn 393

We turn to God

Christ’s Gifts are shared (*Please remain seated*)
Our Offerings *are received and brought forward*

Garden Gesthemane Matthew 26:36-46

Passionate Christ,
as you faced the days of suffering and sorrow,
you were constant and faithful to God’s way.
**We pray that we may be constant and attentive,
and have the strength to put you first.**

Before the Sanhedrin Matthew 26:57-67

God’s power revealed in you, Holy Christ, is
evident even in the silence. In our wavering
uncertainty we are often silent onlookers.
**We pray that we may be faithful to you,
and be your voice speaking up
for the outcast and abused.**

Hymn 381 verses 1-3 *Ah, holy Jesus*

Jesus before Pilate John 18:29-31, 33-37

Steadfast Christ, you were condemned by social
and legal structures, but not overcome by them.
**We pray that we may have the courage to
stand up for truth in the face of any
distractions and hardships that may divert us.**

Jesus is whipped and crowned John 19:1-7

Holy Christ, although innocent, you were
whipped and cruelly crowned with thorns
because of the corruption and fear of others.
**We pray that we may resist the temptation
to judge and condemn others.**

Hymn 391 * *This is your coronation*

Jesus carries his cross John 19:16-17

Loving Christ, on your shoulders and in your
heart you carried the weight of our
unfaithfulness without flinching.
**We pray that we may always be thankful to
you for this journey to the place of your
death; a journey which gave us new life.**

Simon of Cyrene John 23:26

Compassionate Christ,
your promise is that we will have the resources
for the tasks that are put before us.
**We pray that we may be open and
responsive to the needs around us.**

The women of Jerusalem Luke 23:27-28

Watchful Jesus Christ,
we thank you for your constant love for us all
and your special care for those on the margins.
**May we respond with faithfulness
by reaching out to those
who are grieving and in despair.**

Jesus is nailed to the cross Luke 23:33-35

ORGAN MUSIC *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

Jesus and the good thief Luke 23:39-43

Holy Christ, you invite us to change our ways and
live with you in justice and compassion for all.
**We pray that we may respond to your call
to live life differently, in the freedom you
claimed for us on the cross.**

Mary and John John 19:25-27

Jesus, Mary’s son,
you were aware of your mother’s lasting
love and devotion even as you were dying,
and showed your care for her to the end.
**We pray that we may always show
respect and love to others**

Jesus dies Mark 15:33-34, Luke 23:46

Redeeming Christ, through your life and your
death on the cross, we are drawn to you
as the source of life.
**We pray that we may be ever conscious of
your love for us, and draw closer to you, the
Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

Hymn 356 * *Meekness and majesty*

Jesus is buried John 19:38-42

Living Christ,
in their sadness your friends cared for you
with the rituals that showed their love for you.
Your love for us burst out of the still tomb
where they laid you.

**We pray that we may be always live close to
you so that we can face our own dark times,
conscious of your love and saving power.**

FINAL REFLECTION

Hymn 403 * *Were you there...*

SENDING OUT *(All are invited to leave in silence)*

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:**
Reader: Robert Haworth
Organ: Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **China, Hong Kong, and Macau**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Easter Sunday:** Family Worship with Holy Communion at the usual time of 12:30 hrs
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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"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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