

Watchword for the Week

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
(1 Corinthians 15:20)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

Hymn 767

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9

OT p. 689

ECC Choir

Jubilate Deo

St. John 20:1-18

NT p. 144

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 427

Alleluia! Hearts to heaven
(Hymn of the Month, April 2018)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 419 *

Thine be the glory
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

***We believe in God above us,
Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.***

***We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth
to the place of death.***

***On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.***

***We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life.
Amen.***

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Risen Lord Christ, **hear our prayer.**

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 773 *

Jesus, we are here for you
(Communion gifts are brought forward)

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Praise is yours, Holy God... we join our praise,
singing the song of your eternal greatness:

ECC Choir

Holy! Holy!

Because you, gracious God, have been faithful
... receive food for the journey and be bound in
solidarity with all who walk in your way. **Amen.**

Hymn 778

Lamb of God

COMMUNION *(Please come forward to share)*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 421 *

Our Lord Christ hath risen!

NOTICES and CLOSING RESPONSES

Is God good? **God is good!**

Is life worth living? **Life is worth living!**

Is the best yet to come?
Always, the best is yet to come!

Then go as friends of Jesus
and enjoy him forever. **Amen.**

ECC Choir

Irish Blessing

ORGAN PRELUDE

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 194 *

This is the day...

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Bringing life from death,
bringing abundance from nothing,
bringing confidence from doubt:
It is the Lord. Alleluia!

Loving the poor, the weak, the failed;
loving the foreigner, the stranger, the unwanted;
loving the people, both friends and opponents:
It is the Lord. Alleluia!

Calling us to take the risk
that we will change nothing;
calling us to step out in deep waters;
calling us to faith:

It is the Lord. Alleluia!

Changing the ordinary to the extraordinary;
changing an obstacle into an opportunity;
changing our weakness into great strength:
It is the Lord. Alleluia!

Risen Lord, you love us,
you call us, you change us ... We make our
prayers in your name, Jesus, **Amen!**

Hymn 410 *

Jesus Christ is risen today

CHILDREN'S TIME

"April Fools"

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:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Music:** Dani Simanjuntak (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 **Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please also **pray this week** for the **St. Andrew's Church of Scotland, Rome**, (<http://www.presbyterianchurchrome.org/>), and for our twinning partner **Azire Presbyterian Church** and their Pastor Mokoko Simon.
- The **Partnership committee** to help develop our links with **Azire P.C. Cameroon** will meet next Sunday, 8 April, after worship.
- **Understanding our Faith** Our new study and discussion group starts on **Tuesday 10 April** at 19:30 hrs. **Topic:** Knowing God. **Venue:** The Dehling home, Uhlandstr. 60.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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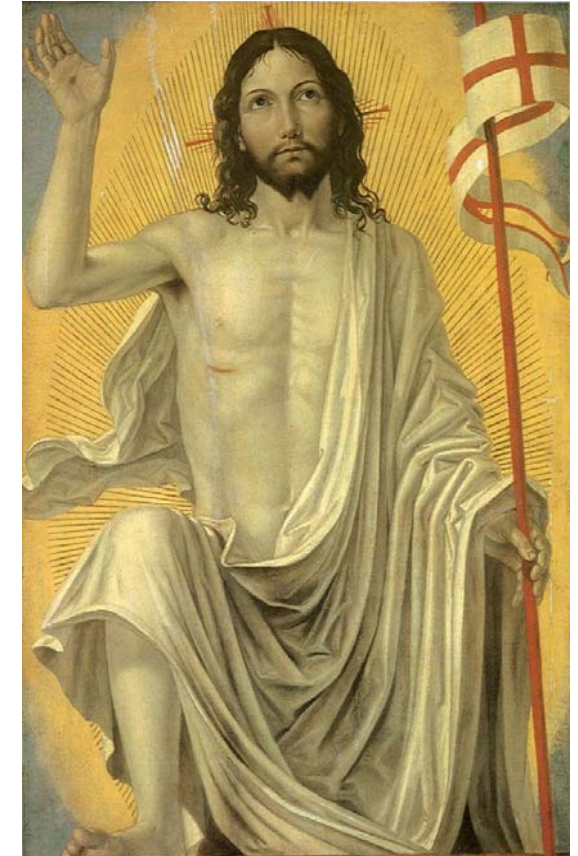
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Easter Sunday

"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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