

Watchword for the Week

If we walk in the light as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the blood
of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

(1 John 1:7)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

**so that we may come to trust in you
and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn 619 * Spirit of the living God

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me:
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

We have an advocate with God – Jesus Christ,
the righteous one – who offered his life in love to
save the world from sin. This is the good news of
the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 620 * Spirit of the living God

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love,
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Acts 4:32-35 NT p. 153 (152)

Hymn 620 * Spirit of the living God

St. John 20:19-31 NT p. 145

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 528 * Make me a channel of your peace

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 427 Alleluia! Hearts to heaven
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, April 2018)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Holy God, we give you thanks and praise
for light and life and love, and – above all –
the presence of the living Lord among us.
By your Spirit who breathes within us,
strengthen our faith, use our gifts,
and work in our lives to bear witness
to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

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 413 The day of resurrection!

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Lord, in these times when we are about to
lose hope and our efforts seem futile, grant
that we may perceive in our hearts and minds
the image of your resurrection which remains
our only source of courage and strength, so
that we may continue to face the challenges,
and struggle against hardship and oppression
born of injustice.

(Philippines, from a liturgy used by the poor)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
All is changed.

Christ is risen!
All are changed.

Christ is risen!
All may worship.

So let us join with the church throughout time
and around the world, proclaiming the
risen Lord and his great love for everyone.

Hymn 459 * Crown him with many crowns
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

**Breathe in this place, O Lord,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
to open our minds, unlock our hearts,
and enliven our faith
so that we may welcome
the risen one among us.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,
yet we still struggle to live and believe
the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**Have mercy on us; forgive us.
Enter into our lives and cast out fear**

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:**
Reader: Amir José Daou Pulido
Organ: Nicole Brämer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €318.21.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The **Partnership committee** to help develop our links with **Azire P.C. Cameroon** will meet today 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, Umlandstr. 60.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **East Timor, Indonesia,** and **Philippines**. Link to information and prayers from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please also **pray this week** for our friends in the **Scots International Church Rotterdam**, (<http://www.scotsintchurch.com/>), and partners in the **Indonesian Christian Congregation** (P.E.R.K.I.), in Bochum. (<https://perkibochum.wordpress.com/>)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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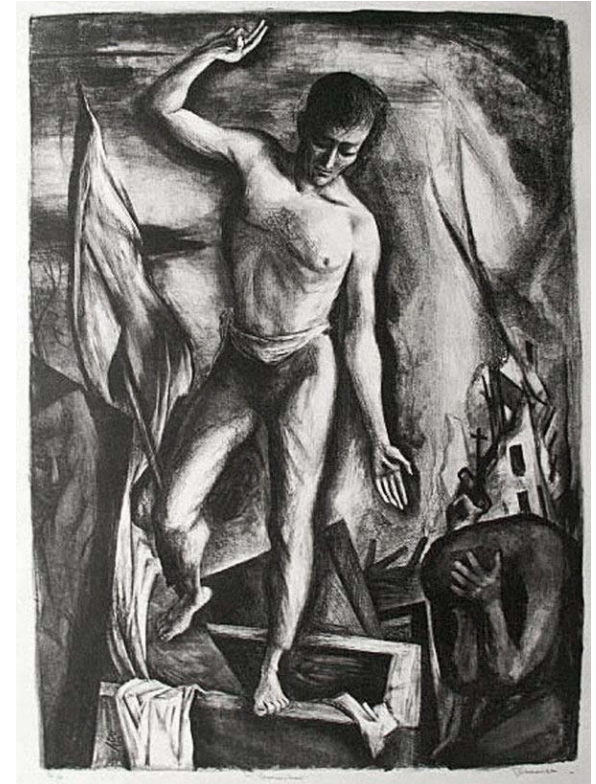
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"Resurrection"
Lithograph 47 x 35.5 cm
Benton Spruance (1904-1967)

Easter 2

"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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