

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

(John 10:11)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 23)

Listen! The one who knows you
is calling you by name,
inviting you into community.

Hallelujah! We will follow the voice of love.

You will find here refreshment
for your body and soul
and space to rest your weary bones.

Hallelujah! We will follow the voice of love.

A table of community is set
for you, and the enemies around and within
and all are welcome.

Hallelujah! We will follow the voice of love.

Come, let us worship the risen Lord!

Let the Lord's name be praised!

Hallelujah!

Hymn 152 * *Praise the Lord, his glories show*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

In the life of Jesus, the good shepherd,
those who follow him are part of his flock.
Jesus knows each sheep by name,
their idiosyncrasies and foibles,
their faithfulness and their wanderings.

We too are known and understood by you,
named and loved for everything about us
that makes us who we are.

Your acceptance of us and interest in us makes
our hearts burst with thanksgiving and joy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love,

but our actions betray us.

**We talk about love,
but we neglect the poor and needy.**

**We talk about love,
but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show
our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness because we
trust in Jesus Christ, the one who love us and
laid down his life for us. This is the good news of
the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME



Chorus (eg 433) *Hevenu shalom alejchem*

Hevenu shalom alejchem

Hevenu shalom alejchem

Hevenu shalom alejchem

Hevenu shalom, shalom, shalom alejchem!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 3:16-24

NT p. 305 (302)

Chorus * *The most Excellency is Jesus*

The most Excellency is Jesus!

Shout Hallelujah, Amen!

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St. John 10:11-18

NT p. 131

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 443 *

He is Lord, he is Lord!

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you
have shown us the meaning of love through
Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show
us how to share Christ's love by giving our
lives for one another; to the glory of your
holy name. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: God of goodness and mercy;
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 511

Your hand, O God, has guided

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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: Andrius Stakelis
Duty Elder: Heike Hundeiker
Organ: Gudrun Bachmann
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 221.50.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Understanding our Faith** study group Session 3: **Tue 24 April** at 19:30 hrs. **Topic:** God the Saviour. **Venue:** Uhlandstr. 60.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Djibouti** and **Somalia**. Link to prayers from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Please pray** for the **Church of Scotland** (<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>), especially the Salvesen Trustees whose annual grant helps finance our ministry, and for the **Finnish Congregation** in Bochum. (<http://www.deutsch.rengas.de/ruhrgebiet>)
- **Donations** (tax deductible) for the church renovation may be made by bank transfer to "Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Bochum", **IBAN: DE57 4305 0001 0001 3021 65**. Please specify "Renovierung Pauluskirche".
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Easter 4

"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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