

Watchword for the Week

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end.
(Lamentations 3:2)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

**dependent on your mercy,
we ask to be made new.**

... God, by your grace, **forgive us.**

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... God, in your love, **renew us.**

... God, in your love, **prepare us.**

... God, in your love, **commit us.**

Hymn 776 *

Kyrie eleison

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe these words of Jesus:

“Your sins are forgiven.”

“Go in peace.” “Follow me.”

Glory to the Creator who gives us life.

Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us.

Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.

Glory be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

St. Mark 5:21-43

NT p. 52 (51)

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 720 *

There is a longing in our hearts

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 539

I want Jesus to walk with me

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

(Hymn of the Month, July 2018)

AFFIRMATION of BELIEF

**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

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)
English words: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

... in the universal hymn of praise which echoes
through time and eternity:

Hymn 769 *

Holy, holy, holy

BREAKING the BREAD

We believe that he who lived, died and rose
again for us will meet us here
**Graciously nourish us, O Christ,
so that we who try to follow you
may receive food for the journey
and be bound in solidarity
with all who walk in your way. Amen**

Hymn 778

Lamb of God, you take away

INVITATION

COMMUNION

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES

With nature in its power and beauty,
with rain and wind and sunshine,
with the ancient rocks and the budding flowers,
we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide,
with people in every land,
and speakers of every language,
we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven,
with those who build community here
and with all who have worshipped in this place,
we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence
and the Spirit who showers her blessings,
we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find home.

Hymn 176

Let's sing unto the Lord

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

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Eternal God, Maker of the skies,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,
you are present among us.

O hidden mystery,
sun behind all suns,
soul within all souls,
in all we touch, in all we meet,
you are present among us.

As bearers of your image,
we come to be reshaped;

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 518 *

Lift up your hearts

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
Reader: Eric Obimdi
Organist: Nicole Hartmann
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Bolivia, Chile, and Peru**. Prayers and info at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- 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.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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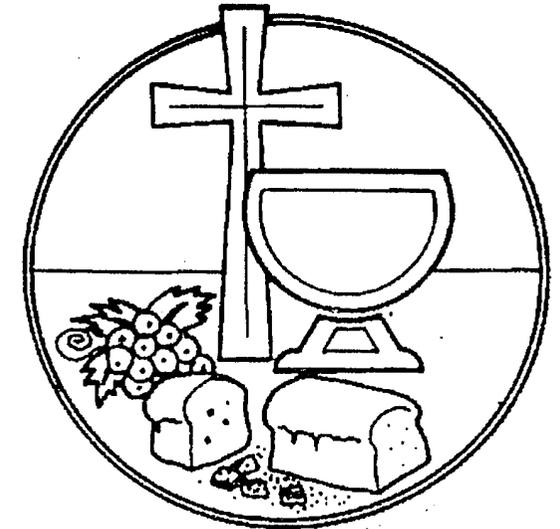
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1 July 2018



6th Sunday after

Pentecost

Holy Communion

"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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