

Watchword for the Week

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

(Psalm 85:9)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

(Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, Divine Worship)

Hear the Word of Grace. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to his grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Chorus * *He is a miracle working God*

*He is a miracle working God;
He is a miracle working God.
He's the Alpha and Omega;
He's a miracle working God.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 83 v. 4+5 * *Shalom, shalom*

Refrain: *Shalom, shalom,
the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom,
God's justice be ever near.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1:3-14 *NT p. 240*

Hymn 762 * *Glory to God, glory to God*

St. Mark 6:14-29 *NT p. 53*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 157 * *Sing of the Lord's goodness*

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 359 * *He came down
(Offerings are gathered)*

Hymn 516 * *We are marching in the light
(Offerings are brought forward)*

DEDICATION PRAYER

(Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, Divine Worship)

O God, you are the giver of all good things, we thank and praise you for all your providence and the riches of your grace. We dedicate ourselves to you in the love and fellowship of your Son, our Saviour.

As a sign, we present to you this our offering, asking you graciously to accept and bless it. Let us use it for the advancement of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Chorus * *The most Excellency is Jesus*

*The most Excellency is Jesus;
Shout Hallelujah, Amen!
The most Excellency is Jesus;
Shout Hallelujah, Amen!*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response: (Hymn 805 *)

Your kingdom come!

Your will be done on earth, O Lord!

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 706 *For the healing of the nations
(Tune: Cwm Rhonda – Hymn 113)*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 24 – New Revised Standard Version)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it; **for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in. **Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in. **Who is the King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Hymn 20 *Lift up your gates eternal*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Hymn of the Month, November 2011)

PRAYER of APPROACH

...Spirit of life, enable us to grasp fully and freely the eternal life you give to those who ask; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 539 *I want Jesus to walk with me
(Hymn of the Month, July 2018)*

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Organist:** Nicole Hartmann
- 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 **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua,** and **Panama**. Link to information and prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



Salome (extract) by Carol Ann Duffy

I'd done it before
(and doubtless I'll do it again,
sooner or later)
woke up with a head on the pillow beside
me – whose? – what did it matter?
Good-looking, of course, dark haired,
rather matted;
the reddish beard several shades lighter;
with very deep lines round the eyes,
from pain, I'd guess, maybe laughter;
and a beautiful crimson mouth
that obviously knew how to flatter...
Which I kissed...
Colder than pewter.
Strange. What was his name? ...



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Aubrey Beardsley (1872-1898)
"The Dancer's Reward" (1894), block print.
Illustration to Oscar Wilde's drama "Salomé"
(Source: Victoria & Albert Museum)

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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