

Watchword for the Week

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
**I will praise him as long as I live;
I will sing to my God all my life.**

Don't put your trust in human leaders;
no human being can save you.
**When they die, they return to the dust;
on that day all their plans come to an end.**

Happy are those who have
the God of Jacob to help them
and who depend on the LORD their God,
the Creator of heaven, earth, and sea,
and all that is in them.
**He always keeps his promises;
he judges in favour of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets prisoners free
and gives sight to the blind.
He lifts those who have fallen;
he loves his righteous people.
**He protects the strangers who live in our
land; he helps widows and orphans,
but takes the wicked to their ruin.**

The LORD is king for ever.
Your God, O Zion, will reign for all time.
Praise the LORD!

Hymn 738 * *Glorious things of thee are spoken*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Jesus, I am not worthy to have you come under
my roof. **But only say the word, and your
servant will be healed.**

Let us confess our sins.

**God of all mercy,
we confess before you and each other
that we have been unfaithful to you.**

**We lack love for our neighbours,
we waste opportunities to do good,
and we look the other way
when you cry out to us in the suffering
of our brothers and sisters in need.**

**We are sincerely sorry for our sins,
both those we commit deliberately
and those that we allow to overtake us.**

**We ask your forgiveness
and pray your strength
that we may follow in your way
and love all your people with that
perfect love which casts out all fear;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Jesus looked up and said to a sinner:
Where are your accusers?
Has no one condemned you?
Neither do I condemn you;
go and do not sin again.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 694 * *Brother, sister, let me serve you*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9 OT p. 689

St. Mark 12:28-34 NT p. 64
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 573 *Jesus Saviour, Lord, now to you I fly*
(Hymn of the Month, November 2018)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 742 * *Rejoice in God's saints*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED (Hymn 628)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

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

Hymn 665 * *One bread, one body, one Lord*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Holy God, we praise and bless you...
With the faithful in every place and time,
we praise with joy your holy name:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

BLESSING, BREAKING, POURING

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.**

INVITATION and COMMUNION

(Please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and DISMISSAL

Hymn 740 * 1+4, 7-8 *For all the saints*

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
 - Organist:** Christof Hilmer
- 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 **Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.** Link to info and prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Our **Annual General Meeting** with Church Council elections is on **Sunday 25 November** after worship in the church hall / Kirchencafé. A Pot-luck Buffet is planned.
- **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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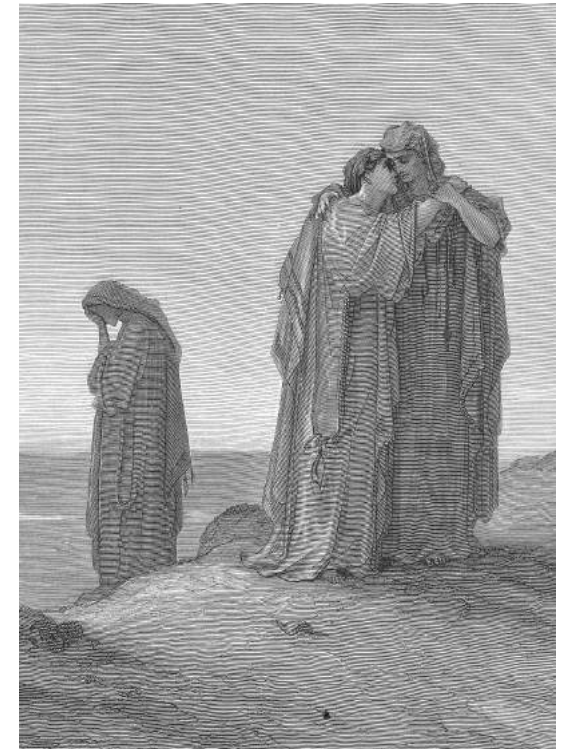
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Gustave Doré (1832-1883)
"Naomi and her Daughters-in-Law" (Detail)
Engraving 1866

All Saints Sunday

"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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