

Watchword for the Week

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
(Psalm 146:8)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

You are present in the pain behind the tears,
the laughter in the eyes,
the yearning in the heart.
All these you share,
yet your gift to us is much more.

So, open us up, Lord,
we whose lives are locked,
whose thoughts are well rehearsed,
whose prayers are predictable.

Open us up to depths we have not explored,
truths we have avoided,
paths we have not followed,
beauty we have yet to admire.

And open us up to Jesus,
***in whom all things are held together for God
and for our good. Amen.***

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are given new life.
The old is gone. The new is before us.
We are freed to live fully in the present.
This is good news that sets us free to love.

Hymn 824 * *Amen siakudumisa!*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mite Might Meet Meat Mate

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 OT p. 262 (261)

St. Mark 12:38-44 NT p. 64
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 685 * *For everyone born a place*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 573 *Jesus Saviour, Lord, now to you I fly
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, November 2018)*

AFFIRMATION / DEDICATION PRAYER

***We believe and trust in God
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus – the Word made
flesh - to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others
by the power of the Spirit.***

***We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect for creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life and death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

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 & CALL to WORSHIP

(Iona Abbey Worship Book)

To Pharisees minding their business,
and fishermen mending their nets:
Jesus says: ***"Follow me!"***

To the money-handlers, the lawyers,
the intellectuals, the power-brokers:
Jesus says: ***"Follow me!"***

To the carers and the cleaners,
the married, the single,
the young and the old,
country-folk and city-dwellers:
Jesus says: ***"Follow me!"***

Then and now,
together and apart,
willing or doubting,
ready or not,
Jesus says: ***"Follow me!"***

Hymn 533 * *Will you come and follow me?*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Because God is good
and has intended us to share that goodness,
we open ourselves
to nothing less than transformation
as together we say:

***Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.***

You are the Word behind all words,
the calm at the core of the storm,
the energy that sustains creation.

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:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Organist:** Ropudani Simanjuntak
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Aotearoa New Zealand** and **Australia**. Link to further information 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.
- **Further dates to note:**
 - Sunday, 2 December** (Advent 1) 12:30 hrs
Communion & Commissioning the Council
 - Saturday, 8 December** 18:00 hrs
Advent Sing-along Concert
 - Sunday, 9 December** (Advent 1) 12:30 hrs
Iona Liturgy of Prayers for Healing
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- **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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"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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