

Watchword for the Week

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty
(Revelation 1:8)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP

(Iona liturgy based on 1 Corinthians 12)

Christ is like a single body
which has many parts.

***It is still one body '
though every part is different.***

Therefore the foot cannot say,
I am not part of the body;
***nor can the ear say,
I am not part of the body.***

The eye cannot say to the hand,
I don't need you;
***nor can the head say to the feet,
I don't need you.***

If one part suffers,
all parts share the pain.

If one part is praised,
all parts share the joy.

Together, we are Christ's body:
Each one of us is a part of it.

Hymn 279 * *Make way for Christ the King*

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

PRAYER of APPROACH

(Iona Abbey Worship Book – Act of Commitment)

God, our Creator,
you have wonderfully made us.

You have planted in us different gifts,
no two of us are the same.

On our own we may or may not shine,
but together, in your company,
you turn us into a kaleidoscope of grace.

Sometimes we lament the busyness of our lives,
sometimes we bemoan the emptiness.

These are signs of our longing
for a fulfilment we cannot create,
but which we can receive
from the One who made, knows and loves us.

***Lover of all and of each,
enable us here to be fully open
to you,
to all you have to offer,
to all that you ask of us.
Amen.***

Hymn 641 * *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

ASSURANCE of GRACE

God blesses his faithful people with his power
to heal, help, liberate and challenge.
God blesses his people with his yearning
for a better world and a fuller faith.
God blesses us with the Holy Spirit
within us and among us.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 1:4-8 *NT p. 313 (309)*

St. John 18:33-37 *NT p. 142*

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

Medley

African-style choruses

(Please put offerings in the basket at the altar steps)

AFFIRMATION / DEDICATION PRAYER

Let us affirm our faith:

***We believe in God
who made the sea and the earth,***

***the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ
who became human,
who healed the sick,
who talked to children,
whom made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death
and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit
who inspired the scriptures,
and whose breath we breathe.***

***We believe that God calls us to be a
community, committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.***

***We believe that God calls us to be
peacemakers, workers for justice,
brothers and sisters,
a light for the world. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Spirit of the living God:
may your kingdom come.

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 646 * *Forth in the peace of Christ we go*

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:**
 - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organist:** Arno Hartmann
- Our **Annual General Meeting** with Church Council elections is today after worship in the church hall / Kirchencafé. All are welcome.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **East Timor, Indonesia** and **the Philippines**. Link to further information and prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **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**
 - Sunday, 16 December** 12:30 hrs **Christmas Pageant / ad hoc Nativity Play**
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 128.71.
- **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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Christ the Redeemer statue, Rio de Janeiro

Christ the King Reign of Christ

Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares
Bronze sculpture by Yevgeny Vuchetich

"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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