

### Watchword for the Epiphany

God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine."  
(Isaiah 43:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Psalm 29:1-9)

Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;  
praise his glory and power.

**Praise the Lord's glorious name; bow down  
before the Holy One when he appears.**

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas;  
the glorious God thunders,  
and his voice echoes over the ocean.

**The voice of the Lord is heard  
in all its might and majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,  
even the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes the mountains of Lebanon  
jump like calves and makes Mount Hermon  
leap like a young bull.**

The voice of the Lord makes the lightning flash.

**His voice makes the desert shake;  
he shakes the desert of Kadesh.**

The Lord's voice shakes the oaks  
and strips the leaves from the trees  
**while everyone in his Temple shouts,  
"Glory to God!"**

**Hymn 266 \*** *God the Omnipotent!*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

(Arab prayers from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle)

Bring us out of darkness into light, O God.  
**Illumine our hearts with your wisdom.  
Give us light to guide us to you.**

O God, our God,  
shine light into our hearts...

light into our ears,  
**light into our eyes,**

light on our tongues,  
**light at our right hand,**  
light at our left hand,  
**light above us,**  
light beneath us,  
**light before us,**  
light behind us.

Shine light into our souls.  
**Flood us with light.**

Lord, expand our hearts,  
**and prosper our work.**

Send your peace, O Lord,  
which is perfect and everlasting,  
that our souls may radiate peace.

**Send your peace, O Lord, that we may think,  
act, and speak harmoniously.**

Send your peace, O Lord, that we may be  
contented and thankful for your bountiful gifts.

**Send your peace, O Lord, that amidst our  
worldly strife we may enjoy your bliss.**

Send your peace, O Lord,  
that we may endure all, tolerate all  
in the thought of your grace and mercy.

**Send your peace, O Lord,  
that our lives may become a divine vision,  
and in your light all darkness may vanish.**

Send your peace, O Lord, our Father and  
Mother, that we your children on earth may all  
unite in one family. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Hymn 191 \*** *Do not be afraid*

### ASSURANCE of GRACE (Psalm 29:10-11)

The Lord rules over the deep waters;  
he rules as king for ever. The Lord gives strength  
to his people and blesses them with peace.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7 OT p. 706

St. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT p. 77

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 336** *Christ is our light!*  
(Hymn of the Month, January 2017)

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**Hymn 105** *Glory to God above!*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)  
(Hymn of the Month, January 2019)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged  
Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him  
you opened to us a way to become your  
children by grace. May these gifts we return  
to you be a sign of our dedication to live as  
your faithful daughters and sons, born in the  
waters of baptism by the power of the Holy  
Spirit; through Christ we pray. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS  
Holy Spirit, **stir us with your power.**

### 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 804 \*** *You shall go out with joy*

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. And remember over the coming weeks to:



JOIN THE TREND – BRING A FRIEND

- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
  - Reader:** Heike Hundeiker
  - Organist:** Gudrun Bachmann
- 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 **Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen**. Link to prayers from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Dates to note:**
  - Saturday, 19 January** (Upstairs Hall)  
18:00 hrs **"Big Sing" with John L. Bell**  
(Iona Community, Scotland)
  - Sunday, 20 January** (Christian Unity)  
12:30 hrs **Celebrating unity in diversity**  
Guest Preacher: **Rev. John L. Bell**
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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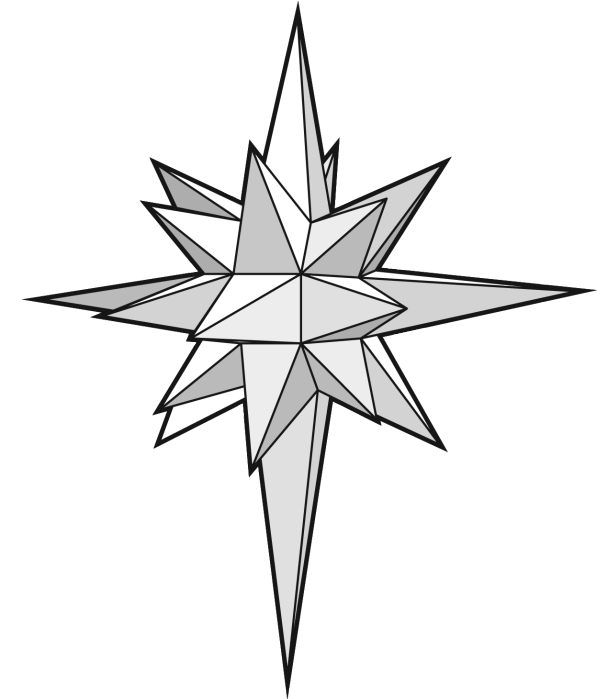
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First Sunday after  
Epiphany

**"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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