

Watchword for the Epiphany

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(based on 1 Corinthians 12)

Leader: Christ is like a single body
which has many parts.
**All: *It is still one body
though every part is different.***

Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,
Men: I am not part of the body;
Leader: nor can the ear say,
Women: I am not part of the body;

Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,
Men: I don't need you;
Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,
Women: I don't need you;

Leader: If one part suffers,
All: *all parts share the pain;*
Leader: if one part is praised,
All: *all parts share the joy.*

Leader: Together, we are Christ's body.
All: *each one of us is a part of it.*

Hymn 594 v.1-3 *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER

Gracious God,
if we came to your house,
we would find the door open,
because there are no closing hours
for the hospitality of heaven.

***If we came to your house,
we would hear many accents,
ours just one among them,
for there is no favoured nation
in the commonwealth of heaven.***

If we came to your house,
we would see people who never thought
they would be allowed in,
had entrance been by merit
rather than by your gracious invitation.

So, as we gather in Jesus' name,
let the characteristics you cherish
become evident in all we do and share together.

Gather into one
the glorious assortment of unlikes
which is your true church.

***Reveal within this community
what we must do, what we must hear,
and whom we must welcome
if we are to know Jesus among us.***

God, give us the grace
to surrender presumptions
as to what we should be or do;
and then amend our lives
until we become the people you intended.
Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE (Psalm 133 & 134)

How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.
***Precious it is, like oil,
poured out to anoint the head.***

Unity is like the dew
falling on holy mountains.
***With it comes God's blessing:
life for evermore.***

Come, bless the Lord, you servants
fulfilling God's commands;
***Love and praise your Maker,
the God of heaven and earth.***

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 204 * *I am the Church...*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *NT p. 215 (216)*

Hymn 779 * *Listen now for the Gospel!*

St. John 2:1-11 *NT p. 118*

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 700 *As man and woman we were made*

SERMON *Rev. John L. Bell
(Iona/Glasgow, Scotland)*

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

DEDICATION PRAYER

At the wedding feast at Cana you
gladdened the guests with divine generosity,
filled to the brim and flowing over.
***We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.
Bless them and us to your service,
that your glory may be revealed, faith
nurtured, and the common good manifest.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Fill us, Lord; ***fill us to the brim.***

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 594 v.4-6 *Spirit of truth, arise*

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.



KEEP UP THE TREND – BRING A FRIEND

- **Today's worship team:**

Sermon: John L. Bell
Duty elder: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
Readers: Herold Dehling
Mark Burrows
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 **Cyprus, Greece** and **Turkey**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de

- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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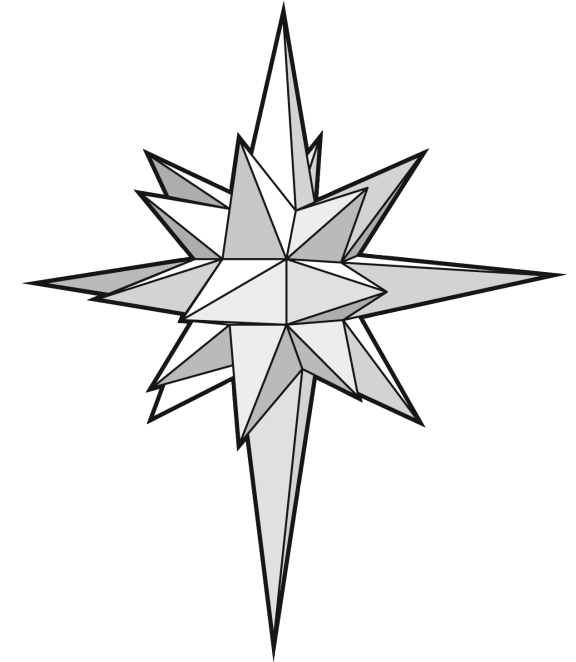
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Second Sunday after
Epiphany
Christian Unity

"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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