

### Watchword for the Week

Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.  
(Psalm 19:14)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Verses from Psalm 19 – New International Version)

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
**the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
**night after night they display knowledge.**  
Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
**their words to the end of the world.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.  
**The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
**The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.**

They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
**they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the comb.**

Forgive my hidden faults.  
Keep your servant also free from wilful sins.  
**May the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart be pleasing in your  
sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**Hymn 105** *Glory to God above!*  
(Hymn of the Month, January 2019)

### PRAYER of RESTORATION

When we feel far from you, God, because we  
feel the weight of our own failures, when our  
sins make us want to hide from your presence,  
**we confess them to you now  
and ask for your forgiveness.**

*Silence*

When we feel far from you, God,  
because we are held captive by our worries,  
when concerns of money, career,  
and family hold us back from you,  
**we cry out to you now  
and ask for your liberation.**

*Silence*

When we feel far from you, God, because we  
feel like we are in a foreign land, when the  
events of life have left us lost and confused,  
**we turn to you now  
and ask you to return us home.**

*Silence*

When we feel far from you, God, because  
we feel torn-down, when tiredness leaves us  
weary and lacking in spirit,  
**we lay ourselves before you now  
and ask you to build us up again.**

*Silence*

When we feel far from you, God, because we  
have become blind to your presence, when we  
feel numb in our worship and deaf to your Word,  
**we offer our whole selves to you now and  
ask you to restore our sense of you. Amen.**

**Hymn 619 & 620 \*** *Spirit of the living God*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### WORDS of ASSURANCE

These prayers have come true for us, even as we  
spoke them, through the one who proclaims good  
news to the poor, liberty to the captives, sight to  
the blind and freedom to the oppressed, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 OT p. 483 (481)

**Hymn 779 \*** *Listen now for the Gospel!*

St. Luke 4:14-21 NT p. 79  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 279 \*** *Make way for Christ the King*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 502 \*** *Take my life and let it be*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**God of life and of new life,  
bless these gifts that we have given  
that they may further your reign in the world.  
Make us the body of the risen Christ,  
united, in all our diversity.  
Animate us by your Holy Spirit that together  
we may work toward your coming kingdom.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIBUTE to G. S. Samuel (1940-2019)

**Hymn 547 \*** *What a friend we have in Jesus*

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Open our ears, Lord;  
**and teach us to listen to you.**

### 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:** Sascha Weber
- 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 **Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara** and **Tunisia**. Link to the prayers from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



*God of life, there are days  
when the burdens we carry are heavy on our  
shoulders and weigh us down,  
when the road seems dreary and endless,  
the skies grey and threatening,  
when our lives have no music in them,  
our hearts lonely,  
our souls losing their courage.  
Flood the path with light.  
Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of  
promise; tune our hearts to brave music;  
give us the sense of comradeship  
with heroes and saints of every age.  
So quicken our spirits that we may be able  
to encourage the souls of all,  
who journey with us on the road of life,  
to your honour and glory.*

attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo (Algeria)



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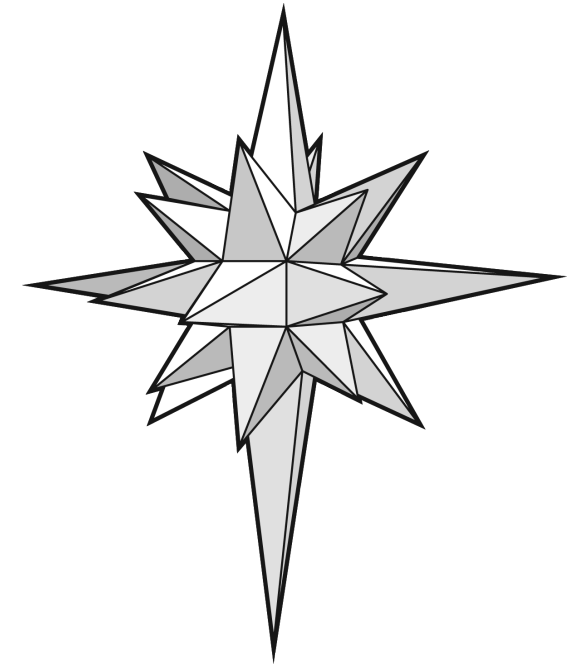
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Third Sunday after  
Epiphany

**"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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