

Watchword for the Week

For now we see in a mirror, dimly,
but then we will see face to face.
(1 Corinthians 13:12)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

You'd do better to find someone else –
**someone older, someone younger,
someone more articulate,
someone with more courage,
someone with more faith.**

But still we hear our call and your promise.
Forgive our feet of clay –
**when we try and evade your call,
when we make excuses,
when we doubt your presence,
when we reject your prophets,
when we reject ourselves.**

In the opportunities and challenges in our lives,
help us see that you are there, and help us
respond in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Hymn 251 * *I, the Lord of sea and sky*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

WORDS of ASSURANCE (from Psalm 71)
God is our rock and our fortress. In God we find
our hope and our strength. We are always
surrounded by God's forgiving love, a love that
has known us from birth and will never leave us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10 *OT p. 731 (732)*

St. Luke 4:21-30 *NT p. 79*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 253 *Inspired by love and anger*
(Hymn of the Month, February 2019)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 512 * *To God be the glory*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

APOSTLES' CREED (words at Hymn 628)

INVITATION

This is the table of the morning meal,
benefit to the body and the frame of the soul.

This is the table of the bread that shall last,
and the wine that shall never hurt.
This is the table of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and with the whole company of heaven, we
praise you in the angels' hymn:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy!*

...is worshipped and glorified with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

WORDS of INSTITUTION

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

Hymn 665 * *One bread, one body*

COMMUNION (Please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS
Show us your ways **and help us to walk in them.**

Hymn 256 *May the God of hope go with us*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2018)

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(based on Psalm 71:1-6)

In your presence, O God,
we find a place of safety where we will
never be put to shame.
Your way is good and right
and keeps us from all kinds of trouble.

**Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices
as we open our hearts to worship you.**

You shelter us from all that threatens to destroy;
for, with you, we do not have to be afraid.
You are our hope and trust
from the days of our youth.

**Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices
as we open our hearts to worship you.**

We have trusted you from the time we were
born; in fact, it was you who drew us
out of our mothers' wombs,
and you midwife us along the way.

**Tune your heart to the sounds of our voices
as we open our hearts to worship you.**

Hymn 757 *Come all you people*

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

v. 1: ... come and praise your Maker

v. 2: ... come and praise your Saviour

v. 3: ... come and praise the Spirit

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God, who shapes the course of history,
it is so hard to be a prophet.
We're just ordinary folks.
What do you expect us to do?
Who will listen to us anyway?
Even if they do, they'll only get cross.

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - 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 **ECC Choir** and the **Joyful Singers** would love to have more singers. Please ask Dani Simanjuntak for more information.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, and Vatican City**. Link from: www.ecc-bochum.de

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



*I saw a stranger yestreen,
I put food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place.
And with the sacred name of the triune God
He blessed myself and my house,
My cattle and my dear ones.
As the lark says in her song:
Often, often, often, goes the Christ
In the stranger's guise.*

(Gaelic Rune of Hospitality)



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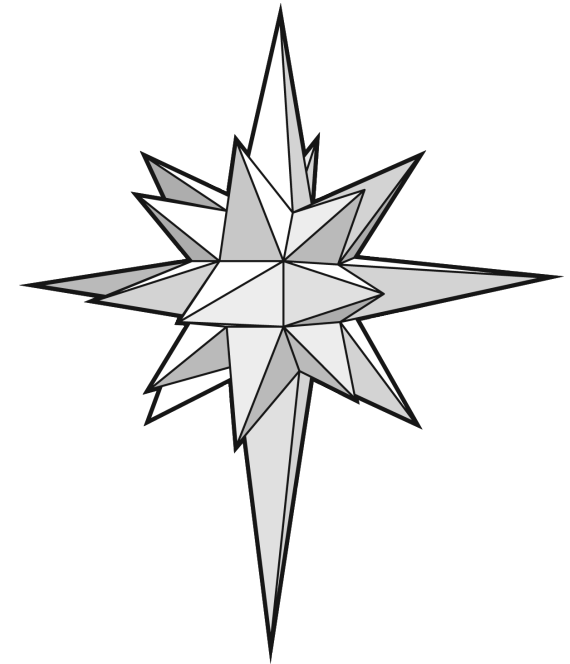
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Fourth Sunday after

Epiphany

Holy Communion

"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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