

### Watchword for the Week

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
(Jeremiah 17:7)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

O God our maker, patiently assist us, we pray,  
as we struggle to understand more fully your  
most intricate creation – human beings.

Give us insight and clarity, guide and direct us.  
Enable us to come to terms  
with our limitations and our potential.

Awaken us to our need of you in our lives,  
**and you will give us your life.**

Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world,  
**and you will make us strong  
through our tears.**

Give us the humility to admit our failures,  
**and you will bring treasure out of them.**

Make us hungry for justice,  
**and you will give us food that lasts.**

Help us to see others through your eyes,  
**and you will show us ourselves with love.**

Show us how to practice what we preach,  
**and we will see God in everyone.**

Support us standing firm for truth, even when it  
costs, and the truth will also make us free.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME



**Hymn 544 \*** *When I needed a neighbour*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-10 OT p. 750 (752)

St. Luke 6:17-26 NT p. 82

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 253** 1-4 *Inspired by love and anger*  
(Hymn of the Month, February 2019)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 341 \*** *Blest are they, the poor in spirit*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### AFFIRMATION / DEDICATION PRAYER

**We believe in God:**  
**who has created and is creating,**  
**who has come in Jesus, the Word made**  
**flesh, to reconcile and make new;**  
**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**  
**We are called to be the Church,**  
**to celebrate God's presence,**  
**to live with respect in Creation,**  
**to love and serve others,**  
**to seek justice and resist evil,**  
**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**  
**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**  
**God is with us. We are not alone.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

#### Sung response:

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord;

**Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.** (Hymn 801)

### The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your 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 256** *May the God of hope go with us*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP  
(based on Psalm 1)

Blessed are those who trust in God.  
**Blessed are those who trust in God.**

Plant us like a tree by the water.  
**Send our roots toward the stream.**  
Bear fruit in all we do, O God.  
**Make our leaves evergreen.**

Delight in God,  
and meditate day and night on God's law.  
**We will praise God's holy name**  
**now and always.**

Come, let us worship.

**Hymn 213 \*** *Every new morning*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

PRAYER of APPROACH  
(based on Luke 6 and Matthew 25)

How terrible for us  
when we ignore the presence of strangers.

**How terrible for us**  
**when the sick and the old remain lonely.**

How terrible for us  
when the little ones are hurt or ignored.

**How terrible for us**  
**when the prisoner is deemed**  
**beyond redemption or love.**

How terrible for us  
when we do not question laws  
that reward the strong and put down the weak.

**How terrible for us**  
**when we know what we should do,**  
**and walk the other way.**

# 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:** Justus Masa
  - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
  - Organist:** Sascha Weber
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 215.14.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for our coffee hour 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 **France, Germany** and **Monaco**. Link 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.



*I thank you, my heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ, your dear Son,  
that you have kept me this night  
from all harm and danger;  
and I pray that you would keep me  
this day also from sin and every evil,  
that all my doings and life may please you.  
For into your hands I commend myself,  
my body and soul, and all things.  
Let your holy angel be with me,  
that the evil foe may have  
no power over me. Amen.*

*(Prayer by Martin Luther)*



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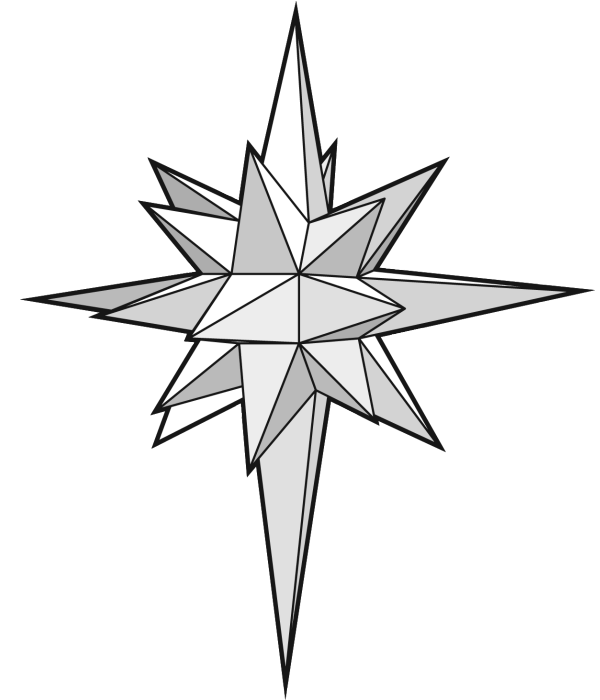
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sixth sunday after  
**Epiphany**

**"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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