

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "Be merciful,
just as your Father is merciful."
(Luke 6:36)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

For yours is the kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever. **Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear and believe the promise that is ours:

The light of God **to lead us.**

The power of God **to hold us.**

The joy of God **to heal us.**

The grace of God **to caress us.**

The love of God **to bless us.**

Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Hymn 528 * *Make me a channel of your peace*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 OT p. 49

St. Luke 6:27-38 NT p. 82

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 253 1-2, 4-5 *Inspired by love and anger*
(**Hymn of the Month**, February 2019)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 198 * *Let us build a house*
(*Offerings are gathered and brought forward*)

PRAYER of COMMITMENT

God of new beginnings,
you long for us to live in love and justice
with our neighbours,
with friends and strangers,
with people everywhere.

You call us to be just and loving
in our working,
in our shopping,
in our caring,
and through our prayers.

Jesus, you were a storyteller,
you talked about money, wages, taxes,
you told stories about integrity and forgiveness,
you helped people who were in trouble,
you listened to people who were sad.

You call us to live as you did –
to listen to each other,
to be forgiving, and to
love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

Holy Spirit, we are learning what you ask of us.
You are wild and wise and you speak the truth.
You challenge and comfort us,
you breathe life into us,
you shout in the streets
and you whisper in our ears.

You remind us of what Jesus
taught and practised,
you take us to task,
you tell us to turn around;
you call us to walk in Love's way.

Holy Trinity,
God's love in community,
every day
in all our living
help us to say yes to you. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Sung response:

May we love one another as you have loved us;
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 519 * *Love divine, all loves excelling*

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP
(Iona Abbey Worship Book – Justice & Peace)

O God, who created the heavens
and stretched them out, **we praise you!**

You made the earth and all that lives here:

We praise you!

You give breath to all creatures

and your Spirit to your people:

We praise and thank you, O God!

That the eyes of the blinded be opened,
the poor hear the good news,
the captives be brought out of darkness,
the wealth of the world serve the good of all,

your kingdom come, O God;
your will be done!

Then let us sing God a new song.

With joy let us honour our Maker.

Hymn 113 * *God, the Father of Creation*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Creator of all. Saviour of all. Spirit in all.

One God in perfect community,

be present with us now.

Where there is apathy,

kindle the flame of your love.

Where there is deceit,

confront every lie with your truth.

Where there is hopelessness,

reveal deep wells of compassion.

Where there is joy,

let your kindly protection be known.

Where we hesitate to serve you,

make us restless until we change.

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:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
 - Reader:** Nkeng Sone Nkumbe
 - Organist:** Christof Hilmer
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 201.65.
- 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 **African Choir** would love to have more singers. Please call Dani Simanjuntak for more information.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands**. Link to prayers and more information from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



*Guys, why do people troll on the internet?
Why are blogger hate comments a thing?
Let this be the philosophical
question of the day.
Please, god, why? WHY? WHY?
(<https://youngadventuress.com/>)*



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7th 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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