

**Watchword for the Week**

And when they looked up,  
they saw no one except Jesus alone.  
(Matthew 17:8)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP**

(Iona Abbey Worship Book – Ceilidh Communion)

Creator of community,  
**we gather in your name.**

Generous and inclusive Friend,  
**we rejoice in our friendship here.**

Lover of laughter and song,  
**we offer these to you.**

Giver of our daily bread,  
**we thank you for all that nourishes us.**

God, our constant Companion,  
**be present in our sharing.**

**Hymn 175 \*** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*  
**People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

**PRAYER of APPROACH**

(Iona Abbey Worship Book – Communion Service A)

Eternal God, Maker of the skies above,  
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,  
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,  
**you are present among us.**

O hidden mystery,  
sun behind all suns, soul within all souls,  
in all we touch, in all we meet,  
**you are present among us.**

As bearers of your image,  
we come to be reshaped;  
**dependent on your mercy,**  
**we ask to be made new.**

...God, by your grace, **forgive us.**

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...God, in your love, **renew us.**

...God, in your love, **prepare us.**

...God, in your love, **commit us.**

**Hymn 776 \***

*Kyrie eleison*

**WORDS of ASSURANCE**

Hear and believe these words of Jesus:

Your sins are forgiven.

Go in peace.

Come and follow me.

Glory to the Creator who gives us life.

**Glory to Jesus Christ whose love remakes us.**

Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.

**Glory be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn 9**

*O God, my refuge, keep me safe*  
(Hymn of the Month, March 2019)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Exodus 34:29-35

*OT p. 93 (92)*

St. Luke 9:28-36

*NT p. 89*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 132 \*** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**SERMON**

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 448 \***

*Shine, Jesus, shine!*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

**We believe in God above us,**  
**Maker and Sustainer of all life,**  
**of sun and moon,**  
**of water and earth,**  
**of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,**  
**Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,**  
**born of a woman, servant of the poor,**  
**tortured and nailed to a tree.**  
**A man of compassion, he died forsaken;**  
**he descended into the earth**

**to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb;**  
**he ascended into heaven**  
**to be everywhere present;**  
**and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,**  
**the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,**  
**life-giving breath of the church,**  
**spirit of healing and forgiveness,**  
**source of resurrection and eternal life.**  
**Amen.**

**PRAYERS for OTHERS**

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The LORD'S PRAYER Hymn 652, Second Form (b)  
(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

...as one with your people on earth, north and  
south, east and west, we join our praise, singing  
the song of your eternal greatness:

**Hymn 769 \***

*Holy, holy, holy!*

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

COMMUNION (Please come forward to share)

**Hymn 661 \***

*Eat this bread, drink this cup*

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

**Hymn 543 \***

*Christ, be our light!*

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 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:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
  - Organist:** Nicole Hartmann
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 81.91.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for our coffee hour with tea, coffee, (home baking) and continued fellowship.
- **Lenten Conversations**, our 7-week Bible Study series, begins on **Tuesday 5 March. Session 1: John's Preaching** (Luke 3:1-20)  
**Venue:** Dehling's home, Uhlandstraße 60  
All sessions begin at 19:30 hrs (7.30 p.m.)
- 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 **Ireland** and **the United Kingdom**. Link to prayers and further information 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.



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Transfiguration  
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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