Watchword for the Week

No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame. (Romans 10:11)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn 160 * Praise, my soul, the king People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Lord Jesus Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread. Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of our own selfishness in the face of the greater needs of others.

Lord Jesus Christ, you refused to bow down to a false god. Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path to follow you.

Lord Jesus Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top. Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.

O God, give us wisdom to discern behind each subtle temptation the ploy of the prince of darkness;

and, in the face of all that is popular and attractive, help us to choose to do your will. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Do not fear. In the name of Jesus Christ, I say to you: Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has made you free. Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the new has come. *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 359 * He came down that we may have: 1: ...love. 2: ...joy. 3: ...peace

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

Hymn 9 * v. 1-3, 6 O God, my refuge (Hymn of the Month, March 2019)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 10:8-13

NT p. 198

St. Luke 4:1-13

NT p. 78

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 338 Jesus, tempted in the desert

SERMON Rev. Dr Robert Haworth

Offering choruses

(Bring offerings forward to place in the basket)

What a marvellous God (repeat)
He has done marvellous things for me.
What a marvellous God (repeat)
He is set to do marvellous things for me.

Uru we se Baba ebuyire. (Thank you, Papa, thank you.)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Lord God, today we dedicate our thirst to your renewing heart. We dedicate our hunger to understanding the hunger and need around us. We dedicate our fears and weaknesses to the promise of your love and protection. We dedicate these gifts to our journey with you – a journey of faith and service. Amen.

NOTICES AND PRAYERS for OTHERS
Response: Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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 360 * Jes

Jesus Christ is waiting

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Swedish Blessing

Blessings on the earth our beautiful blue planet our home in Cosmos.

Blessings on all good will every act in candour and love.

Blessings on the light in human hearts.

May it grow strong embrace the darkness bring peace and reconciliation.

Notices

> We welcome all visitors and first-time worshippers. Please sign our quest book including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter.

> Today's worship team:

Preacher: Rev. Dr "Bob" Haworth Duty elder: Debbie Hubweber Reader: Wolfgang Rochowiak Nicole Hartmann Organist:

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 275.62.
- > After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for our coffee hour with tea, coffee, (home baking) and continued fellowship.
- > Lenten Conversations: Session 2: Tuesday 12 March:

Topic: Jesus Tempted (Matthew 4:1-11) Venue: Dehling family, 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 Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Link to prayer suggestions and further information from: 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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Lent 1

"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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