

Watchword for the Week

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 3:13, 14)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened." **Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden. I will give you rest." **Amen.**

Jesus says, "Heal the sick." "Feed the hungry." "Free the oppressed." "Watch and pray." **Amen.**

Hymn 641 * *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

We gather in your presence, O God,
**in our need and bringing with us
the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
**and you know by experience
what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you invite us,
and you promise never to turn us away.

Loving God, it is you who gathers us here now;
here, where many have come before us
seeking your healing, strength and love.

You know us, God:
you understand who we are,
you know what troubles us and puzzles us,
what makes us smile and what makes us sad.
You listen to our questions and prayers.

You know the people we love, God,
and the people we struggle with.
Sometimes we hurt others;
sometimes we hurt ourselves.

**So, we bring our own hurt
asking for your healing;
and we bring the hurt we have caused others,
asking for forgiveness. Amen.**

Hymn 486 *Forgive our sins as we forgive*
(Hymn of the Month, April 2019)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Isaiah 43:16-21 OT p. 707

St. John 12:1-8 NT p. 134

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 720 * *There is a longing in our hearts*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 157 * *Sing of the Lord's goodness*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED *Words at Hymn 628*

PRAYER of GOD'S PRESENCE

(from the Iona Abbey Service of Prayers for Healing)

God, our Creator,
we are held in your everlasting arms.

Jesus, our Saviour,
we are healed by your wounded hands.

Holy Spirit, be present with us
as we reach out to one another in love.

INVITATION to LAYING-ON of HANDS

CHORUSES 773*, 801*

- *Jesus, we are here (3x), we are here for you.*
- *Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

As we sing, those who wish to receive the laying-on of hands are invited to come forward to the chancel area steps for blessing.

PRAYER for the LAYING-ON of HANDS

**Spirit of the living God, present with us now,
enfold you, body, mind, and spirit,
and heal you of all that harms you,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

COMMUNION 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.

...we proclaim your greatness and sing your
praise in the angels' song:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

...we offer and present to you our very selves,
to be a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your
acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are
yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

PRAYERS of CONCERN *followed by*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION (shared in the seat rows)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See Notices overleaf)*

CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn 706 *For the healing of the nations*
(Tune: **Rhuddlan**, Hymn 103)

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *Good you're here!* Please add your name and post or e-mail address to the book at the church entrance to be kept up-to-date with events.
- Today we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Liturgist:** Deacon Andrius Stakelis
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Organ:** Gudrun Bachmann
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 154.24.
- 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 6: Tuesday 9 April:**
 - Topic:** *Transfiguration* (Luke 9:28-37)
 - Venue:** Dehling family, Uhlandstraße 60
 - All sessions begin at 19:30 hrs (7.30 p.m.)
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.** Prayer link: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Looking ahead**
 - Sun. 14 April:** Palm Sunday family worship
 - Thu. 18 Apr.:** Maundy Thursday communion
 - Fri. 19 April:** Good Friday communion
 - Sun. 21 April:** Easter Sunday family worship
- **African Singers!** Practice in the church hall after church to prepare for Palm Sunday
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Lent 5

Holy Communion
Prayers for Healing

“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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