

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
(John 20:21)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 150 – New Revised Standard Version)

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
**praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds; **praise him  
according to his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with trumpet sound;  
**praise him with lute and harp!**

Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
**praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
**praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!  
**Praise the LORD!**

**Hymn 575** *Over my head, I hear music in the air*  
(Hymn of the Month, July 2015)

## PRAYER of APPROACH

Lord of all creation,  
tune the instruments of our lives  
and choreograph the dance of your church  
so that, through word and deed,  
your people may persistently proclaim your  
glory, majesty, love, and goodness, until  
everything that breathes sings "Hallelujah!"

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,  
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the  
world, **forgive us and help us find our voice.**

When we are afraid to forgive and love again,  
**forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

When we are afraid  
to stand up to misguided authority,  
**join us with the weak to make us all strong.**

When we are confined by our hurts,  
**touch us with your wounded hands  
and set us free.**

When we are locked behind our doubts and  
fears, **pass through our barricades,  
open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.**

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

Christ comes with healing light into our locked  
places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our  
spirits and breathing into us new life.

As God's own forgiven people, go  
to bring peace, forgiveness and new life to the  
world in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**In God's name we will go! Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME



**Hymn 169 \*** *Praise the Lord with...*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 5:27-32 NT p. 154

**Hymn 767 \*** *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

St. John 20:19-31 NT p. 145  
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 406 \*** *They crucified my Saviour*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 421 \*** *Our Lord Christ hath risen!*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

## DEDICATION PRAYER

**Holy God, bless our offerings and transform  
them and us into powers of healing, hope  
and encouragement for this, your world.  
We celebrate all that you have done; we  
rejoice in the new life Christ breathes into  
us. Send us out with your Spirit of  
forgiveness and new life to serve the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS (sung response)

As you sent Christ, now send us.

**Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus;  
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord. (Hymn 800)**

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*  
(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 404 \*** *Lord of the dance*

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

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

# Notices

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *Good you're here!* You're invited to add your name and post or e-mail address in the book at the back of church if you wish to receive the ECC News with details of upcoming events.
- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
  - Reader:** Tamsin Kostrzewa
  - Organ:** Thomas Schwarz (Organ)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 245,04.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan** and **Uzbekistan**. Link to prayers and information from [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Sh\*\* happens? – The Book of Job.**  
**Session 1: Tuesday 7 May:** All are welcome  
**Venue:** Dehling family, Umlandstraße 60  
All sessions begin at 19:30 hrs (7.30 p.m.)
- **Planning for Pentecost** – There will be a meeting on **Friday 10 May** at 7.00 p.m. in the Kirchencafé to prepare the international worship for Pentecost Monday. Talk to Pastor Jimmy if you're interested in coming.
- Our **Church Anniversary** on **Sunday, 26 May** celebrates the founding of the ECC in 1996. We will also welcome Jade Boyd, our probationer minister. **Please contact Derick Fonjong to volunteer dishes for the pot-luck.**
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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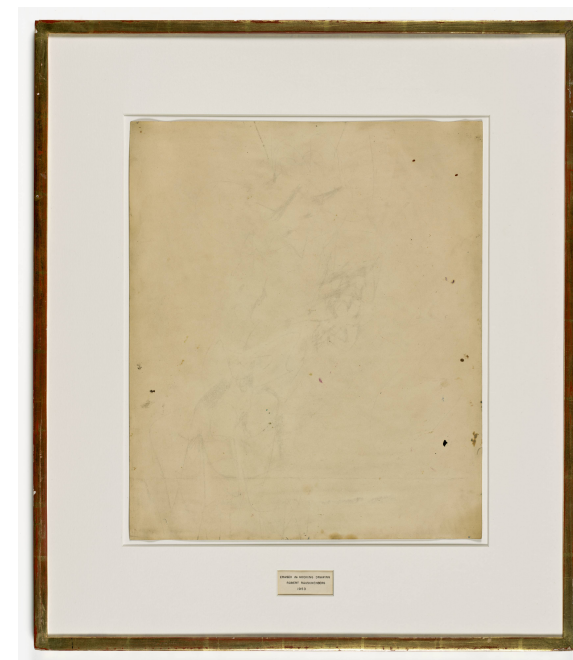
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Robert Rauschenberg  
*Erased de Kooning Drawing* (1953)  
traces of drawing media on paper  
with label and gilded frame  
25¼ in. x 21¼ in. x ½ in.

## Easter 2

**“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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