Watchword for the Week

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12) (Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 30)

I praise you, Lord, because you have saved me; you have kept me from the grave.

I was on my way to the depths below, but you restored my life.

Sing praise to the Lord, all his faithful people! Remember what the Holy One has done and give him thanks!

His anger lasts only a moment, *his goodness for a lifetime.* Tears may flow in the night, *but joy comes in the morning.*

You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance; you have taken away my sorrow

and surrounded me with joy.

So I will not be silent; I will sing praise to you. Lord, you are my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Hymn 449 * Rejoice! The Lord is King People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*) (Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

CALL to CONFESSION (Psalm 30:3)

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done,

the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

Hymn 417 * Now the green blade riseth

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NT p. 159
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
NT p. 145
be to God!

Hymn 429	Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
-	(Hymn of the Month, May 2019)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 415 *

This joyful Eastertide

(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.)

Hymn 665 * One

One bread, one body

THANKSGIVING 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 our thanks and praise.*

...join our voices to those of earth, sea and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity:

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)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn 646 * Forth in the peace of Christ we go

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 back of church to receive details of upcoming 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:
Duty elder: Herold Dehling
Reader: Lars Hesse
Organ: Thorsten Menne

- Our offering during worship is our main source of income. *Please give generously.*
- After worship, the Kirchencafé is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Sh** happens? The Book of Job. Session 1: Tuesday 7 May: All are welcome Venue: Dehling family, Uhlandstraße 60 All sessions begin at 19:30 hrs (7.30 p.m.)
- Planning Pentecost Meeting on Friday 10 May at 7.00 p.m. in the Kirchencafé to prepare international worship for Pentecost Monday. More info from Pastor Jimmy.
- On Church Anniversary on Sunday, 26 May 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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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus" "On entering, peace – on departure, blessing" (Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

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