

**Watchword for the Week**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!  
(Revelation 7:10)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP**  
(Psalm 23 – James Moffat translation, 1935)

The Eternal shepherds me,  
I lack for nothing;  
he makes me lie in meadows green,  
**he leads me to refreshing streams,  
he revives life in me.**

He guides me by true paths,  
**as he himself is true.**  
My road may run through a glen of gloom,  
but I fear no harm, for thou art beside me;  
**thy club, thy staff – they give me courage.**

Thou art my host, spreading a feast for me,  
while my foes have to look on!  
**Thou hast poured oil upon my head,  
my cup is brimming over;**

Yes, and through my life  
Goodness and Kindness wait on me,  
**the Eternal's guest  
within his household evermore.**

**Hymn 462 \*** *The King of Love my Shepherd is*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Loving God, you made us,  
you shaped us,  
you gave us breath.  
**Yours is the love that endures,  
yours the wisdom and peace we seek.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you know each name,  
you know each need.  
**You come looking for us when we stray and  
shepherd us into the ways of truth and life.**

Holy Spirit of wind and fire,  
in all the activity of our busy lives,  
make us to lie down in green pastures,  
**away from the world's ceaseless noise,  
lead us to quiet waters.**

God of surprising grace, in a world of great plenty, the suffering of the poor and hungry is unending and we are ashamed that we take for granted many of the basic essentials of life others are denied. **Have mercy upon us.**

In a world of great beauty, our inhumanity to one another seems to know no bounds and while many nations are in turmoil, human beings carry out acts of callous violence upon one another. **Have mercy upon us.**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep, teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command that all your people may be gathered into one to the glory of God.  
**Grant us your peace. Amen.**

**Hymn 527 \*** *Lord, make us servants*

**WORDS of ASSURANCE**

God is always near us, whose rod and staff comfort us; who leads us out of the dark valleys of our life's making and resurrects in us new faith, hope and love in Christ our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**



Kind



Unkind

**Hymn 351 \*** *Jesus' hands were kind hands*  
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**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts 9:36-43 NT p. 160

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

St. John 10:22-30 NT p. 132  
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

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

**SERMON** Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 413 \*** *The day of resurrection!*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

**Risen Christ, you who show us the way to resurrected living, may the gifts we bring this day be a mark of the work we would do in giving testimony to your love for all. May Tabitha and all those whose example is one of generosity and compassion inspire us and motivate us toward the joy of living in faithfulness to you and our calling. Amen.**

**NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS**

○ Risen Christ.  
**Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

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 448 \*** *Shine, Jesus, shine!*

**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's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Nkeng Sone Nkumbe
  - Organ:** Christof Hilmer
- 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](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- The **funeral service** of former ECC Council member Thomas Watkinson (1952-2019) is at 11 a.m. on **Tuesday 14 May** at the Nordfriedhof, Recklinghausen (Franz-Bracht-Straße 159) followed by interment of ashes.
- **S\*\*\* happens? – The Book of Job.**  
**Session 2: Tuesday 14 May: Feel welcome!**  
**Venue:** Dehling family, Uhlandstraße 60  
All sessions begin at 19:30 hrs (7.30 p.m.)
- On **Church Anniversary** on **Sunday, 26 May** we will also welcome Jade Ableitner, our probationer minister. **Derick Fonjong** is coordinating dishes for the pot-luck buffet.
- **2 x 11 = Pentecost** Remember the earlier worship times for our Pentecost worship:  
**Sunday, 9 June** at **11 a.m.** bilingual  
**Monday, 10 June** at **11 a.m.** multilingual and international (Finnish, Korean, Indonesian...)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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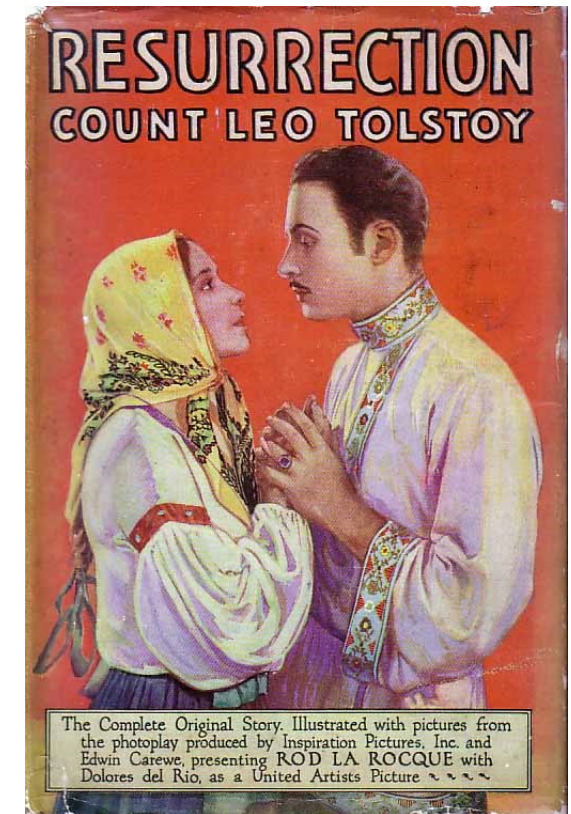
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Easter 4

**“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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