

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.
(Revelation 21:6)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(from Psalm 148 – New Revised Standard Version)

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from heaven,
you that live in the heights above.

**Praise him, all his angels,
all his heavenly armies.**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, shining stars.

**Praise him, highest heavens,
and the waters above the sky.**

Let them all praise the name of the LORD!
He commanded, and they were created;
**by his command they were fixed in their
places for ever, and they cannot disobey.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all ocean depths;
**lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
strong winds that obey his command.**

Praise him, hills and mountains,
fruit trees and forests;
**all animals, tame and wild,
reptiles and birds.**

Praise him, kings and all peoples,
princes and all other rulers;
**young women and young men,
old people and children too.**

Let them all praise the name of the LORD!
His name is greater than all others;
**his glory is above earth and heaven,
and all his people praise him.
Praise the LORD!**

Hymn 147 * *All creatures of our God and King*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Surprising God ... and heal all creation.

**God of mercy, your command to love one
another across all differences opens us to
new horizons, yet we often respond with fear
and judgment that hinders your goal for
humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and
give us true repentance that leads to life for
all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME



Hymn 804 * *You shall go out with joy*

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God's promises are trustworthy and true;
your sins are forgiven.

Be at peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18 NT p. 162

Hymn 767 * *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

St. John 13:31-35 NT p. 137
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 105

Glory to God above!
(Hymn of the Month, January 2019)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 429

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, May 2019)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**These gifts are for you, heavenly Father.
As we think of all you have given us, we're
conscious of how little we give to you.
Help us to see in our giving a way
of both praising you and working with you
to transform this world.
Make us generous, Lord God,
as you are generous; selfless and loving
for the sake of your Son,
in whose name we offer our prayers. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: O God of love,
raise us to new life in Christ.

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 528 * *Make me a channel of your peace*

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:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Katherine Masa
 - Organ:** Thomas Schwarz
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 244.33.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The **Kids' Church Team** will meet after today's worship for a short planning session.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.** Link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **S*** happens? – The Book of Job.**
Session 3: Tuesday 21 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 welcome Jade Ableitner, our probationer minister and also take leave of our choir director Dani. **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.



Church address

Ev. Pauluskirche, Grabenstrasse 9, 44787 Bochum

Pastor Rev. James Brown (Church of Scotland)
Neustrasse 15, 44787 Bochum
Tel.: 0234 13365 E-mail: [j.brown56\(at\)gmx.de](mailto:j.brown56(at)gmx.de)

Retired pastor Rev Dr Robert Haworth
Tel. 0234 62349212 (United Church of Christ, USA)

Church Council

Maria Adouakou	0234 5896042
Herold Dehling (Secretary)	0234 8935761
Derick Fonjong (Asst. Secretary)	0173 7374123
Debbie Hubweber	0152 24817149
Heike Hundeiker	0234 680824
Justus Masa	0162 8799736
Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner (IP Rep.)	0160 93805969
Sone Nkumbe (Youth Rep.)	0152 14218110
Eric Chinasa Obimdi	0162 3930041

ECC Choir Ropudani Simanjuntak 0176 80780770

Church Officer Wolfgang Rochowiak 0234 6404559

Kids' Church Maria Adouakou 0234 5896042
Gundi Dehling 0234 8935761

Readers' Rota Mary Otto 02366 37441

Refugee advice Heinrich Ohlendorf 0234 4526299

Safeguarding Claudia Lischke-Arzt 0234 97669882

Treasurer Marcus Sarpong 0234 6238133

Webmaster Marcel Adig [adigsys\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:adigsys(at)yahoo.com)

Bank Account "Englische Gemeinde"
IBAN: DE89 4305 0001 0001 4132 36
SWIFT-BIC: WELADED1BOC (Sparkasse Bochum)

Website: www.ecc-bochum.de
E-mail: [ecc-bochum\(at\)gmx.de](mailto:ecc-bochum(at)gmx.de)

English-speaking Christian Congregation
Bochum, Germany

19 May 2019



Easter 5

“Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus”
“On entering, peace – on departure, blessing”
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

ECUMENICAL • INTERNATIONAL • ENGLISH-LANGUAGE