

**Watchword for the Week**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!  
(Psalm 97:12)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
Verses from Psalm 97 (NRSV Bible)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
**let the islands of the seas be glad!**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
**and all peoples behold his glory.**

O Lord, you are most high over all the earth;  
**you are much greater than all gods.**

Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous,  
**and give thanks to his holy name!**

**Hymn 124 \*** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

PRAYER of APPROACH and CONFESSION

Holy God, your Spirit continues to break forth in new and unexpected ways, reminding us that you are the One in whom the whole earth rejoices. In this time of worship and prayer, open our hearts that we may hear and respond to your Spirit's call.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Oh God, you have promised to hear the silent thoughts of our hearts. We bring them now as we think of what has been in our lives this week. Where there has been joy, we know you will rejoice with us.

**Christ, be present with us.**

Where there has been sorrow, we know you will tenderly share our sadness. Where there is regret for what we have done, or failed to do, we lay this before you in a moment of silence.

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

**Hymn 251 \*** *I, the Lord of sea and sky*  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Our God is a God of forgiveness,  
and so we trust that we have been heard.  
Where we have asked to begin again,  
God will forgive us, and take us by the hand  
to walk together on a new path of wholeness.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Acts 16:16-34 *NT p. 170 (169)*

St. John 17:20-26 *NT p. 141*

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

**Hymn 352 (2)\*** *O for a thousand tongues*  
(Hymn of the Month, June 2019)

SERMON Pastor "Bob" Haworth

**Hymn 623 \*** *Here in this place*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

AFFIRMATION (United Church of Canada)

We are not alone;  
we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made  
flesh, to reconcile and make new;  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church,  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS

We are your people: **and you are our God.**

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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you, **and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts, **we lift them to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God Most High.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...With the faithful in every place and time,  
We praise with joy your holy name:

**Hymn 769\*** *Holy, holy, holy!*

...and we may continue faithful in all things.  
**In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. 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.**

**Hymn 665\*** *One bread, one body*

COMMUNION (Please come forward to share.)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**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!* 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:**
  - Liturgists:** Revd Dr Robert Haworth  
Andrius Stakelis (Deacon)  
Jade Ableitner (Probationer)
  - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
  - Reader:** Andrea Nieder Hagemann
  - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 407.62.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee, and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa** and **Swaziland**. Link to prayers and further details from [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **S\*\*\* happens? – The Book of Job.**  
**Last Session: Tuesday, 4 June** (7:30 pm)  
**Venue:** Dehling family, Uhlandstraße 60
- **Church Council Meeting: Thurs., 6 June**  
7:00 pm, Church Office, Pariser Str. 4-6
- **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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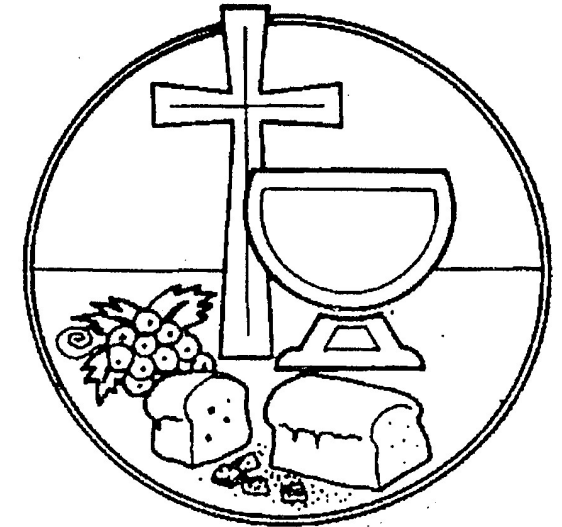
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Bochum, Germany

2 June 2019



Easter 7

Holy Communion

**"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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