

Watchword for the Week

Let mutual love continue.
(Hebrews 13:1)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

**In the fullness of your mercy,
blot out our misdeeds;
in your loving-kindness,
wash away our sin.
Give us a willing spirit and the chastened
heart you do not despise;
and help us to forgive others as you forgive
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 97 * O God, you search me
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Job 38:1-18 OT p. 531 (529)

St. Luke 5:1-11 NT p. 80
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 260 Eternal Father, strong to save

SERMON Rev James Brown

Hymn 532 * Lord, you have come...
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED Words at Hymn 628

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we proclaim your greatness and sing your
praise in the angels' song:

Hymn 769 * Holy, holy, holy

...we offer and present to you our very selves,
to be a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your
acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are
yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

PRAYERS of CONCERN

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.**

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)

Hymn 661 Eat this bread, drink this cup
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

NOTICES and CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn 146 * From all that dwell below the skies

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)
Please remain standing while the Bible is removed.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

As is the tradition in many churches, please stand
if you are able to as the Bible is carried into church.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Verses from Psalm 104)

Praise the Lord, my soul!

O Lord, my God, how great you are!

You are clothed with majesty and glory;
you cover yourself with light.

Lord, you have made so many things!

The earth is filled with your creatures.

There is the ocean, large and wide, where
countless creatures live, large and small alike.

**The ships sail on it, and on it plays Leviathan,
that sea monster which you made.**

I will sing to the Lord all my life;

as long as I live,

I will sing praises to my God.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Praise the Lord!

Hymn 105 * Glory to God above!

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(Hymn of the Month, January 2019)

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are
hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, Holy and Immortal, we confess that
we have broken your commandments; we have
sinned by selfishness, unbelief, and pride;
we have not acted justly, loved mercy
nor walked humbly with you.

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:**
Reader: Marcus Sarpong
Organ: Hendrik Ziser
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offerings totalled € 173.43.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Benin, Côte d'Ivoire** and **Togo**. Link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Worship in September** has a **Creation theme** celebrating the world and its diversity:
8 September: *“Wat isset schön!”*
Ecumenical outdoor worship at 11 a.m.!
(Boulevard) during Bochum Musiksommer
15 September: Fauna and Flora Sunday
22 September: Storm Sunday
29 September: Cosmos Sunday
6 October: Harvest Thanks Celebration
- The **ECC Choir** resumes on Wednesday, 4 September at 6 p.m. *New singers welcome!*
- The next **Sensible Shoes Book Club** for women session is *Thursday 12 September* from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kirchencafé.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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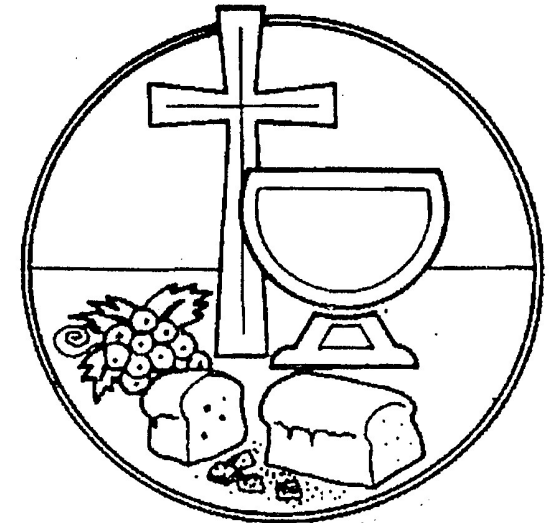
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Holy Communion

Creation Season:

Ocean Sunday

“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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