Watchword for the Week

Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.

(Psalm 46:10)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

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

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Come among us, Jesus, you whom the angels worship and children welcome.

Come, Jesus, and meet us here.

Come among us, Jesus, you who hurled the stars into space and shaped the spider's weaving. **Come. Jesus. and meet us here.**

Come among us, Jesus, you who walked the long road to Gethsemane and lit a flame that dances forever.

Come, Jesus, and meet us here.

Hymn 200 * Christ is made the sure foundation **People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord, you know that we love you and we know what you ask us to do ... But for those times we have been too busy; when we have been hard-hearted; when we have been lukewarm, we say sorry and ask for your forgiving love. Prepare us for your way, O Lord. Your kingdom come; your will be done.

Lord, you know our good intentions and we know your will ...
But hold us back long enough to listen to those in need and to learn from them and to learn of our own need.
Where we think we are sent,

make us ready to receive.

Where we are keen to teach,
make us ready to learn.

Prepare us for your way, O Lord.

Your kingdom come; your will be done.

Lord, you know our deepest desires and we know the vision of your Kingdom ... We bring before you these elements in our lives in need of your transforming power: that which we misuse or neglect; that which we most reluctantly let go of; that which we believe is not good enough. Inspire us and disturb us to examine our deepest desires. Prepare us for your way, O Lord. Your kingdom come; your will be done.

Lord, you know our potential, but what is your purpose for our lives? In our uncertainty and in the knowledge of your faithfulness, prepare us for your way, O Lord. Your kingdom come; your will be done. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Upon the cross, Christ prayed for forgiveness for his enemies. That is the way of God's grace. No limits. No boundaries. Only mercy for all. Know that God's compassion has broken upon us this day and every day and will forever reign in our hearts. *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Hymn 185 * Come, children, join and sing

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 46 *OT p. 564 (563)*

St. Luke 23:33-43 NT p. 113

People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 662 * Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

(Hymn of the Month, November 2019)

SERMON "The crucified Christ"

Jade Ableitner, Probationer

Hymn 374 * From heaven you came

OFFERING Please come forward to place your offerings in the basket at the altar steps.

DEDICATION PRAYER

Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord. Make us worthy stewards of your gifts and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS See Notices overleaf

Hymn 449 * Rejoice, the Lord is King

PRAYERS for OTHERS (Response: **Hymn 805**) Your kingdom come:

Your will be done one earth, O Lord. J

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 182 * Now thank we all our God

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819) Please remain standing until the Bible is carried out.

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: Eric Obimdi

Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner Readers:

Daniel Wiedner

Music: Hendrik Ziser (Organ)

Sounds of Harmony Choir

> Our offering during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously.

> Please join our Annual General Meeting after worship in the Upstairs Hall.

> The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore. Link from www.ecc-bochum.de

This week's diary:

Wednesday, 27 November at 6 p.m. ECC Choir practice in the Pauluskirche.

Saturday, 30 November 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Music Worldwide. Pauluskirche: workshop with Roy Siragah from Indonesia

Sunday, 1 December at 10.30 a.m. Isaiah Bible Study #4 Youth Clubroom.

> More forthcoming dates: Saturday, 7 December at 6 p.m. Advent Sing-along Concert, Pauluskirche

Sunday, 15 December at 12.30

Christmas Pageant in the Pauluskirche

> Please support our Advent Appeal for donations of packed biscuits, cookies, chocolates or cakes giving some Christmas cheer to clients of our local Bahnhof Mission.

> Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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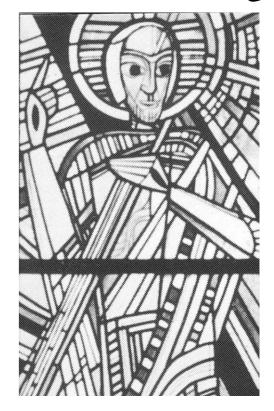
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Christ the King Reign of Christ

"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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