

Watchword for the Week

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone
is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

(Psalm 148:13)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is brought in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

In the beginning, God made the world,
light and dark, shape and void,
height and depth, to tell of love:

And God says it is good.

In land and sea, in plant and seed,
in growth and decay, God's love is shown:

And God says it is good.

In creatures great and creatures small,
in movement and stillness,
in birth and death, God's love is shown:

And God says it is good.

In woman and man, in joy and sorrow,
in laughter and tears, God's love is shown:

And God says it is good.

So, let us celebrate and give thanks
for all of God's gifts to us in our lives:

With God we say, "It is good."

Hymn 127 * *O worship the King, all glorious*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH

(Iona Abbey Worship Book – Communion Service A)

Eternal God, Maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,
you are present among us.

O hidden mystery,
sun behind all suns, soul within all souls,
in all we touch, in all we meet,
you are present among us.

As bearers of your image,
we come to be reshaped;
dependent on your mercy,
we ask to be made new.

...God, by your grace, **forgive us.**

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...God, in your love, **renew us.**

...God, in your love, **prepare us.**

...God, in your love, **commit us.**

Hymn 97 * *O God, you search me*

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear and believe these words of Jesus:

Your sins are forgiven.

Go in peace.

Come and follow me.

Glory to the Creator who gives us life.

Glory to Jesus Christ whose love remakes us.

Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.

Glory be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 147:12-20 OT p. 627

St. John 1:1-18 NT p. 116

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 103 * *Fill your hearts with joy*

SERMON "20/20 Vision"
Jade Ableitner, Probationer Minister

Hymn 555 * *Amazing grace*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED (Words at Hymn 628)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The LORD'S PRAYER Hymn 652, Second Form (b)
(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

Hymn 113 * *God the Father of Creation*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...as one with your people on earth, north and
south, east and west, we join our praise, singing
the song of your eternal greatness:

Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

...is worshipped and glorified with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen.**

WORDS of INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, **give us your peace.**

COMMUNION (Please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 543 * *Christ, be our light!*

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)
Please remain standing while 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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
 - 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 **Iran, Iraq and Syria**. Link to prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Looking ahead:**
 - Sunday, 19 January 2020**
 - 12.30 “How My Hope Survived”
Women's stories of flight and displacement. Exhibition in church with Pastor Eva-Maria Ranft as guest.
 - Sunday, 26 January 2020**
 - 12.30 Christian Unity Sunday
Pastor Mike Kwang-Yul Lee (Düsseldorf) as guest, Chair: International Church Convention Rhineland-Westphalia
- The next **Sensible Shoes Book Club** session is on Thursday 30th January from 6.30 p.m. 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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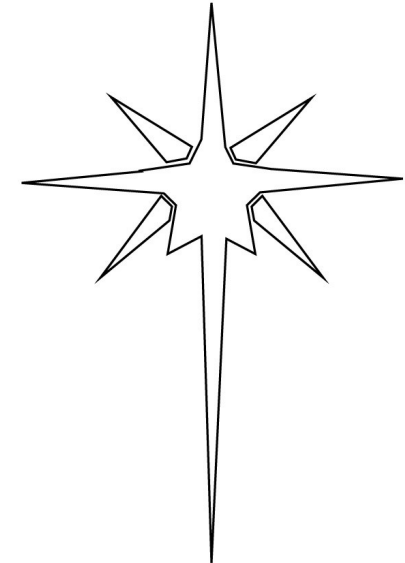
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Bochum, Germany

5 January 2020



Second Sunday after Christmas

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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