

Watchword for the Week

A bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

(Isaiah 42:3)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

You give breath to the people upon the earth
and Spirit to those who walk in it.

In goodness and grace
you take us by the hand,
keeping our lives
and calling our hearts,
bringing sight, light and freedom
to those who are blinded, bound and broken.

***This day and every day
guide us into your newness,
your life,
and your grace
even as it springs forth around us.
Amen.***

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Hear the good news of the gospel:
There is nothing that can separate you
from the love of God. Nothing.
God's river of love flows deep and wide,
and is always and forever washing you clean.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 351 * *Jesus' hands were kind hands*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9 OT p. 705

St. Matthew 3:13-17 NT p. 5
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 283 * *The voice of God goes out*

SERMON Jade Ableitner, Probationer Minister
"He came down that we may have love"

Hymn 356 * *Meekness and majesty*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***Surprising and sustaining God,
send your Spirit upon
the work of our hands
and the hopes of all our hearts,
that these gifts
and even our very lives
might tangibly proclaim your peace
and persistently share your love.
Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

Hymn 788

Know that God is good
(Hymn of the Month, January 2020)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

( Sung response: **Hymn 620**)

Spirit of God, move among us:

***Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.***

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your 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 359 * *He came down that we may have...*

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is carried in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 29:1-9)

Praise the LORD, you heavenly beings;
praise his glory and power.

***Praise the LORD's glorious name; bow down
before the Holy One when he appears.***

The voice of the LORD is heard on the seas;
the glorious God thunders,
and his voice echoes over the ocean.

***The voice of the LORD is heard
in all its might and majesty.***

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
even the cedars of Lebanon.

***He makes the mountains jump like calves
and Mount Hermon leap like a young bull.***

The voice of the LORD makes the lightning flash;
his voice makes the desert of Kadesh shake.

***The LORD's voice shakes the oaks and strips
the leaves from the trees while everyone in
his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"***

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

PRAYER of APPROACH

In mystery,
you speak the heavens into being;
over aeons,
you stretch the stars ever onward
into the cosmos.

In love,
you spread out the abundance of the earth
and all that grows upon it.

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:** Herold Dehling
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- 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 **Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates** and **Yemen**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Looking ahead:**
 - Sunday, 19 January 2020**
12.30 “How My Hope Survived”
Exhibition with Pastor Eva-Maria Ranft. Memorial for G. S. Samuel (1940-2019); reception afterwards in the Upstairs Hall
 - 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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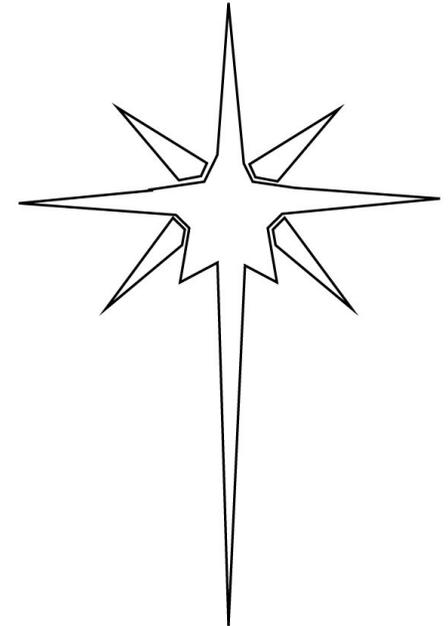
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12 January 2020



First Sunday after
Epiphany

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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