

Watchword for the Week

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:9)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is carried in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Come among us, God,
you, who cast the planets into space
and cradle the sparrow in her nest.

Come, God, and meet us here.

Come among us, God,
you, who bless the poor and broken
and stand by the sad and the strong.

Come, God, and meet us here.

Come among us, God,
you, who dance in the silence
and shine in the darkness.

Come, God, and meet us here.

Hymn 160* *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

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

PRAYER of APPROACH

Gracious God, strengthen our confidence in
your providence when we feel overwhelmed by
the storms of life. ***Hear our prayer for trust.***

Gracious God, teach us to fix our course on
Christ, the True Light who brings us to safe
harbour. ***Hear our prayer for perseverance.***

Gracious God, transform our many painful
separations into harmony
and our mistrust into mutual acceptance.

Hear our prayer for harmony.

Gracious God, give us the courage
to speak the truth with justice in love.

Hear our prayer for courage.

Gracious God, help us to welcome with
kindness our sisters and brothers
who are in peril or in need.

Hear our prayer for kindness.

Gracious God, change our hearts
and the hearts of our Christian communities,
that we may be agents of your healing.

Hear our prayer for transformation.

Gracious God, open our eyes to see the whole
of creation as your gift, and our hands to share
its fruits in generous solidarity.

Hear our prayer for generosity.

Gracious God, listen now to the prayers of our
hearts which we pray in silence.

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

***Lord God, we thank you for calling us into the
company of those who trust in Christ and
seek to obey his will. May your Spirit guide
and strengthen us in mission and service to
your world: For we are strangers no longer
but pilgrims together on the way to your
Kingdom. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S TIME "You are special"

Hymn 792 *Our God is a God who makes friends*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-22 OT p. 29

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

Hymn 710* 'I have a dream'

SERMON Eva-Maria Ranft

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

Hymn 544* *When I needed a neighbour*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***All that we have and all that we are returns to
you, O God. Gather these offerings and make
them sufficient for the needs of the world.
We give you all our thanks and praise, for
you alone are worthy. Amen.***

ACT of REMEMBERING

with the family of Mr. G. S. Samuel (1940-2019)

RESPONSES

All our laughter, all our sadness:
safe now in God's hands.


All our anger, all our gladness:
safe now in God's hands.

All our stories, all our memories:
safe now in God's hands.

Those we remember, those we love:
safe now in God's hands.

Hymn 392* *When I survey the wondrous cross*

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

 Sung response (**Hymn 788**):

Be with us, God, and guide us:
Know that God is good.

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 740* v.1-2, 4, 7-8 *For all the saints*

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's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
 - Preacher:** Eva-Maria Ranft
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- **Mulleriyawa Ward 8** The current total of donations gathered by our congregation for this mental health facility in Colombo, Sri Lanka stands at **€ 604**. *Thanks to all donors!*
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship. The Samuel family invites everyone to share memories and some typical Sri Lankan food.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Cyprus, Greece and Turkey**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Looking ahead:**
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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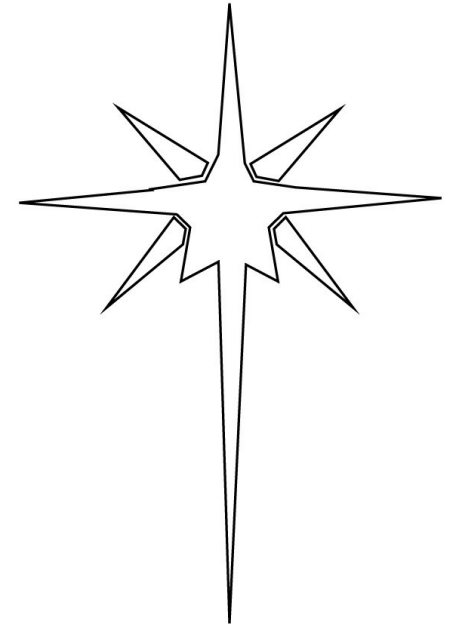
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19 January 2020



Second Sunday after
Epiphany

"Pax intransibis, salus exeuntibus"
"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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