

Watchword for the Week

For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is carried in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

We are here to be light,
Prisms for bringing out God's colours.

We are here to make God public,
Bearers of light to the world.

We are here to shine brightly,
Salt to bring out God's flavours

With our hearts, our minds and our senses,
Let us open up to God.

Hymn 448* *Shine, Jesus, shine!*

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

PRAYER of APPROACH

Maker of all things,
we come to you
seeking and searching
for that something else
that adds to our lives
a sense of purpose,
a way to make a difference,
for you made us to reflect your love.

**Light of our lives,
we come to you
seeking a new way
to be in this world.
Inspired by your teaching,
we strive to reflect
your ways in our lives,
flavouring the world for others.**

Spirit of God, we come to you
seeking your presence and comfort.
Guide us towards God,
aware of the Maker's love,

ready to shine a light
onto the lives of friends and neighbours.

Lord, you made us with purpose,
with flavour and light.
We come now in worship
to acknowledge all that you have given us.
And yet we know that our lives
do not always reflect your love.

***In this space we seek your
forgiveness and guidance
so that your love is
reflected better in the world.
Help us to be better at bringing
flavour and light into the world,
that others might experience
what a difference knowing you
makes in our lives.***

All this we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world – whoever
follows me will have the light of life." Friends, we
walk in Christ's light, freed from sin and
illuminated by God's grace. **Thanks be to God
for this glorious gift of new life! Amen!**

Hymn 674 *Halleluya! We sing your praises*
(Hymn of the Month, February 2020)

CHILDREN'S TIME



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 NT p. 206

Hymn 788 *Know that God is good*

Matthew 5:13-20 NT p. 7

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

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Hymn 443* *He is Lord, he is Lord*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**God of every good gift, we stand before you,
bathed in your brilliance and warmed by
your love, so grateful for the blessings you
have generously given us. Receive our tithes
and offerings, to help bring about your reign
– where your light cannot be hidden and
where our good works will give you glory.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Come, Holy Spirit: **Set our hearts on fire.**

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 516* *We are marching in the light*

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:** Debbie Hubweber
 - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
 - Kids' Church** Debbie Hubweber
Marcus Sarpong
- 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 **Austria, Liechtenstein** and **Switzerland**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Public speaking workshop** sessions with creative speech artist Tessa Westlake are scheduled for **29 February** (Upstairs Hall) and **14 March** (Pauluskirche). Each session starts at 11 a.m. and lasts approx. 1½-2 hours. Please register with Pastor Jimmy.

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



Nobody likes having salt rubbed into their wounds, even if it is the salt of the earth.

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

“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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