

Watchword for the Week

God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"
(Matthew 17:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is brought in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Come, brother Jesus, be our guest,
be with us in this hour of worship.

Bring to this place your poverty,
for then we shall be rich.

Bring to this place your pain,
that in sharing it,
we may also share your joy.

Bring to this place your understanding of us,
that we may be freed to learn more of you.

Bring to this place your Holy Spirit,
that we and all things might be made new.

With friend, with stranger,
with the unknown and well-known ones,
be among us now,
for the doors of this house are open,
and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.

Hymn 189* *Be still...*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Move among us, God; give us life;
let your people rejoice in you.

Give us again the joy of your help;
with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

God, make our hearts clean;
restore us in body, mind and spirit.

Let us pray:

O Christ, you are within each of us.
It is not just the interior of these walls,
it is our own inner being you have renewed.
We are your temple not made with human
hands; we are your body.

***If every wall should crumble,
and every church decay,
we are your habitation.***

Nearer are you than breathing,
closer than hands and feet.
Ours are the eyes with which you, in the
mystery, look out with compassion on the world.

***So we bless you for this place,
for your directing of us,
your redeeming of us,
your presence among us.***

Take us outside, O Christ, outside holiness,
to where nations clash
at the crossroads of the world.

***So shall this building continue to be
justified; and your people find cause
to bless your name. Amen.***

Hymn 619-620* *Spirit of the living God*

RESPONSE of FAITH

With the whole church
we affirm
***that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.***

With people everywhere
we affirm
***God's goodness at the heart of humanity
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.***

With all creation
we celebrate
***the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God
for ever at work in ourselves and the world.***

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

Exodus 24:12-18 OT p. 81
Matthew 17:1-9 NT p. 25
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

Hymn 132* *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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Hymn 448* *Shine, Jesus, shine!*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

***Call us out of our complacency, generous
God. Open our ears to your voice, our eyes
to your brilliance, and our hands and hearts
to share the blessings that you have made
possible for us. We dedicate these gifts and
our lives to your service. Send us out to
follow your Son, the one with whom you are
well pleased, and in whose name we make
our prayer. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, look with favour.
Lord, transfigure and heal.

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 468 *Son of God, eternal Saviour*

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:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Marcus Sarpong
 - 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 **Belgium, Luxembourg and Netherlands**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **“Life of the Spoken Word”** workshops with creative speech artist Tessa Westlake on **29 February** (Upstairs Hall) and **14 March** (Pauluskirche): The sessions will each start at 10.30 a.m., lasting approx. 1½ hours. Please register with Pastor Jimmy.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



Take away whatever is opaque in me, O Lord, and help me to become transparent.

Dom Hélder Câmara
(1909-1999)

Brazilian archbishop and
liberation theologian



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Raphael: The Transfiguration (1520)

Transfiguration

“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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