

Watchword for the Week

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
(Psalm 95:6)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is brought in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Let us sing to God,
who knows the depths of the sea!
**May the Spirit pour God's love
into our hearts!**

Let us sing to God,
who fills the clouds with rain!
**May the Spirit pour God's love
into our hearts!**

Let us sing to God,
who brings forth water in the desert!
**May the Spirit pour God's love
into our hearts!**

Let us sing to God,
who separated the sea and the land!
**May the Spirit pour God's love
into our hearts!**

Hymn 641* *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

God, we know that you are with us in our sufferings. We thank you for the gifts of endurance and character.

Remind us also of your gift of hope.
Be with us as we remember your gift of reconciliation, and help us to be reconciled with one another in your love. **Amen.**

Sometimes, we hold on to things
that make it hard for us to listen to God.

Perhaps it's resentment that things
are not the way we want them to be.
Perhaps it's something we are trying to forgive.

Perhaps it's something we don't want
to tell the truth about.

As we sing our next hymn, you are invited to
write or draw one thing you want to let go of
today and put it in the bowl of water, knowing
that there is nothing that God's living water
cannot dissolve as it flows through our lives.

Hymn 485* *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

God, thank you for giving us life even in the
midst of death. May your Spirit gush up within
us, washing away everything that keeps us from
loving you and your creation. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME



Hymn 340 *When Jesus saw the fishermen*
(Hymn of the Month, March 2020)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READING #1

John 4:5-26 NT p. 120

Some thoughts Water cooler debate

Hymn 788* *Know that God is good*

SCRIPTURE READING #2

John 4:27-42 NT p. 121

More thoughts The repair shop

Hymn 720* *There is a longing in our hearts*

INVITATION to PRAYER for HEALING

*In silence, aware of the presence of God with us
here in this place, those who wish to receive the
prayer for healing individually are invited to come
forward to the chancel area steps.*

All are invited to share in saying the prayer.

PRAYER for HEALING

**Spirit of the living God, present with us now,
enfold you, body, mind, and spirit,
and heal you of all that harms you,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS (using Hymn 801*)

Response: Hear our prayer:
**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

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

OFFERING (Offerings are gathered)

DOXOLOGY 807* (Offerings are brought forward)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

DEDICATION PRAYER *An Ancient Syriac Prayer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn 191* *Do not be afraid*

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:** Eric Chinasa Obimdi
 - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
 - Liturgist:** Deacon Andrius Stakelis (Lutheran Church of Lithuania)
 - 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 **Kids' Church Team** will meet for a planning session today in the Youth Cellar.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Focusses on Prayer** leading up to Holy Week are being held weekly on Sundays in the Youth Cellar, each starting at 11 a.m. More info from Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



St. Ignatius Daily Examen ("Rummaging for God")

1. Become aware of God's presence.
2. Review the day with gratitude.
3. Pay attention to your emotions.
4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.
5. Look toward tomorrow.



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"If it ain't broke, then don't mend it!"

Lent 3

Prayers for Healing

"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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