

2020-04-19 Worship toolkit (Second Sunday of Easter)

Watchword for the Week:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3, NRSV)
(Moravian Daily Texts: https://www.moravian.org/daily_texts/)

Jesus and Thomas:

(JESUS MAFA. Jesus appears to Thomas, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48302> [retrieved April 17, 2020]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>.)

Anthem: Christ the Lord is risen again

(sung by members of the ECC Choir, directed by Hendrik Ziser)

Bible reading: John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=GNT>

The Bible Gateway website includes further translations in English and many other languages.

Anthem: Nada te turbe / Nothing can trouble

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Reflection: A new birth into a living hope

Hymn: O for a thousand tongues to sing (Church Hymnary, No. 352.ii)

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Sing-along version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O9kw3cILpg>

A Sign of Peace: Shalom. Salam. Peace.

(Hannover Easter March 2013: Rainbow flag with the word Peace in Hebrew (shalom) and Arabic (salam), Bernd Schwabe, Hannover, Creative Commons 3.0 licence.)

Prayer: It is such a simple word: 'Peace'.

Ending with the words:

*We pray in the name of him
who speaks that simple word: 'Peace'
to our world,
to our towns,
to our homes,
to our hearts.
And in words he taught us
we pray to you now, saying:*

Lord's Prayer: *Our Father...*

*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: This joyful Eastertide (Church Hymnary, No. 415)

Blessing:

(from Terry C. Falla, Be Our Freedom, Lord. Based on Romans 12:11, 17; Philippians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:15)

*Go into the world in peace,
have courage, take hold of what is good,
never pay back wrong for wrong,
let compassion be your companion,
and forgiveness your constant friend,
keep the fires of the spirit burning,
seek always what is best,
- and keep the faith.
Amen.*

Notices:

Although all public gatherings, including worship, are still impossible due to corona restrictions, the **Pauluskirche** remains open Tuesday to Friday from

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. till noon for private prayer. If you do choose to visit the church, please observe the general restrictions (especially physical distancing, etc.) which still remain in place.

In response to the digital revolution, long before corona, the Church of Scotland began offering online ministry called **Sanctuary First** which includes daily worship as well as pastoral support for many life situations:

<https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/daily-worship>

Our **weekly offerings** during worship are our congregation's main source of income. The corona crisis has put a stop to this, so please consider making donations by bank transfer in order that the ECC may continue to cover ongoing costs. Bank account details are shown below. *Thank you.*