



Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

Give me understanding, O God, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart. (Psalm 119:34)

GATHERING CHORUS: (Church Hymnary 359, each verse sung twice)

He came down that we may have... love; ... peace; ... joy.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 149
(responses in bold-face italics)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song!

We are glad in our Maker and we rejoice in our King.

We praise our Lord with melodies and dancing!

***May we bring pleasure to our Lord,
and seek out his most holy way.***

And when we find ourselves amidst
argument and division, conflict and disagreement,
***may we return to your presence
resolved to find a better way.***

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord in all we do! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S PEACE *Hevenu shalom alechem*

GOSPEL READING: St. Matthew 18:15-20 (Good News New Testament, page 27)
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

HYMN: *Jesus Christ is waiting* (Church Hymnary 360)

1. *Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*
2. *Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.*
3. *Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too:
let my care be active, healing, just like you.*
4. *Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil let me dance with you.*

REFLECTION: Conflict resolution – or not?

NOTICES AND PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (based on Church Hymnary 771)

*If you believe and I believe and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit must/shall come down and set God's people free.*

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.***

BLESSING (spoken together)

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.***

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Hendrik Ziser *live* at the organ of the Pauluskirche