



Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. (Psalm 103:2)

GATHERING CHORUS: (Church Hymnary 788)

Know that God is good. / Halle-, hallelujah!

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP from the Iona Abbey Worship Book
(responses in bold-face italics)

Just and merciful God, you speak to us through the prophets,
challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice.

Help us to hear your urgent call.

Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good,
challenging us to work for reconciliation.

Help us to see your way of truth and love.

Ever-present God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action,
challenging us to live the Good News.

***Help us to respond wholeheartedly,
here and now – to say Yes!***

Amen.

ALL-AGE PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S PEACE: *The peace of the earth* (Church Hymnary 798)

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.*

GOSPEL READING: St. Matthew 18:21-25 (Good News New Testament, page 27)
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

REFLECTION: Is there a number bigger than 100?

HYMN: *The Church is wherever...* (Church Hymnary 522)

- 1. The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.*
- 2. The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
whatever their past and whatever their pain.*
- 3. The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are –
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.*
- 4. The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.*

NOTICES AND PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (Response: Church Hymnary 805)

Your Kingdom come: ***Your will be done on earth, O Lord.*** (sung)

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.***

SENDING AND BLESSING (ending with these words 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