



ECC Bochum

English-speaking Christian Congregation

Digital Worship 25 October 2020

Zoom access: <https://ruhr-uni-bochum.zoom.us/j/94842267013?pwd=T0pERVZmblUzK3k5dzhnMXRcEc1UT09>

(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

Remember: Clocks in Europe are moved *back* one hour in the night from Saturday to Sunday!

GATHERING MUSIC: *Riddle Song (I gave my love a cherry)* Doc Watson

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

(Leviticus 19:2)

WELCOME & NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responses in bold-face italics)

Come, Immortal One, high and exalted;

Come into our midst and share your love

Come, Saviour Jesus, who reaches out to embrace the needy;

Come and heal us with your love

Come, Holy Spirit of light and life;

Let your love be in the praise we offer.

HYMN *Ubi caritas et amor* (Church Hymnary 801)

Latin sung text: *Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

[Where there is charity and love, God is there.]

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL READING St. Matthew 22:34-46 (GNB New Testament, page 33)

The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

HYMN *A new commandment*

REFLECTION Riddle-Me-Ree / Enigmatic Jesus

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & 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 *We sing a love that sets all people free* (Church Hymnary 622)

1. We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.
2. We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.
3. We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.
4. We sing a love, that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.
5. We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

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.

CLOSING MUSIC: *If ye love me (Tallis)* Members of the ECC Choir

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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 A M S Q E O V O O F Y O A R W
 D H K U M L M J U V O R R U S
 T E G E I Y H M L E D N J D O
 J P R S N R O G A N Z K E R B
 N H E T D L A U O N X J S V L
 G A A I P I H C R Q D B U Q P
 M R T O L R E R G S W M S R T
 O I E N P S O Q U A E T E T G
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 B S I R F H W E O X Z O T Z W
 O E A S T E O L E G N R T U T
 N O Q W Q Y R G H E A R I N G

MIND	PHARISEES	QUESTION	JESUS
LAW	GREATEST	COMMANDMENT	YOURSELF
EXPERT	HEART	NEIGHBOR	LOVE
SOUL	LORD	HEARING	SECOND

More children's resources at: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

- **Zoom Worship** is held live every Sunday at our regular worship time of 12.30 p.m. So that numbers can increase, please share the Zoom access link with friends. Worship bulletins are posted weekly on our website <http://ecc-bochum.de/> from where you can always download a copy in PDF file format a few days in advance.
- For **data protection** reasons, no audio or video recordings of our Zoom worship services are permitted. Please comply to respect each other's privacy. Thanks!
- The focus of the **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is Canada and the United States of America. Please hold these countries and their peoples in prayer this week. Prayers at: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/canada-united-states-of-america>
- Links to many other **online worship resources** provided by various churches have been posted on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- **Guest preacher** for next Sunday's Zoom worship is our good friend Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows, joining us live from New Jersey, USA – at 6.30 a.m. his time!
- The **Pauluskirche** is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for individual and private prayer. Standard hygiene precautions apply in church.
- The **Weltladen** (Fair Trade Store) has reopened on Market Days (Tuesday and Friday) from 14-17 hrs and on Saturday from 11-17 hrs. Volunteers are urgently needed so that the store can open more frequently. Please speak to Pastor Jimmy.
- Our **weekly offerings** during worship, always our congregation's main source of income, have been dramatically affected by the corona crisis. If you are able, you are invited to donate by bank transfer in order that the ECC may continue to cover ongoing costs. Bank account details are as shown here. *Thank you.*

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