

# ECC Bochum

English-speaking Christian Congregation



## Digital Worship: 1 November 2020

Zoom access: <https://ruhr-uni-bochum.zoom.us/j/94842267013?pwd=T0pERVZmblUzK3k5dzhnMXlrcEc1UT09>  
(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

**GATHERING MUSIC:** Sigfrid Karg-Elert, "Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen?"

**Watchword for the Week** (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)  
Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb! (Revelation 7:10)

**WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responses in bold-face italics)

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out:

***we praise you!***

You made the earth and all that lives here:

***we praise you!***

You give breath to all creatures  
and your Spirit to your people:

***we praise and thank you, O God!***

That the eyes of the blinded be opened,  
the poor hear the good news,  
the captives be brought out of darkness,  
the wealth of the world serve the good of all,  
***your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!***

Then let us sing God a new song.

***With joy let us honour our Maker.***

**HYMN** *Sing for God's glory* (Church Hymnary 172, words altered)

1. Sing for God's glory which patterns and colours creation,  
makes all things new and roots change at the heart of salvation.

Both day and night, sound, silence, symbol and sight  
offer earth's glad adoration.

2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,  
searing the darkness of fear and despair that would blind us,  
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.
3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.
4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,  
who, in our weariness, give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see the new creation to be,  
Spirit of love made flesh for us.

## OPENING PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME **B-L-E-S-S**

Blessings are God's way of love,  
and we are all a blessing.  
B-L-E-S-S ... B-L-E-S-S ... B-L-E-S-S  
And we are all a blessing.

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**FIRST READING** Revelation 7:9-17 (GNB New Testament, page 315)

**GOSPEL READING** St. Matthew 5:1-10 (GNB New Testament, page 7)  
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

**HYMN** *Blest are they, the poor in spirit* (Church Hymnary 341)

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.  
*Rejoice and be glad! Blessèd are you, holy are you!*  
*Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see their God.
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad; yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see.

**REFLECTION** Rev. Prof. Mark Burrows (live from New Jersey)

## **NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

### **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.***

**HYMN** *Shout for joy!* (Church Hymnary 676)

1. Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;  
Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;  
Christ's own peace is shared again on earth;  
God the Spirit fills us with new worth.
2. No more doubting, no more senseless dread:  
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;  
all the wonder heaven has kept in store  
now is ours to keep for evermore.
3. Celebrate with saints who dine on high;  
witnesses that love can never die.  
'Hallelujah!' – thus their voices ring:  
nothing less in gratitude we bring.
4. Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son,  
praise the Spirit – three yet ever one;  
praise the God whose food and friends avow  
heaven starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

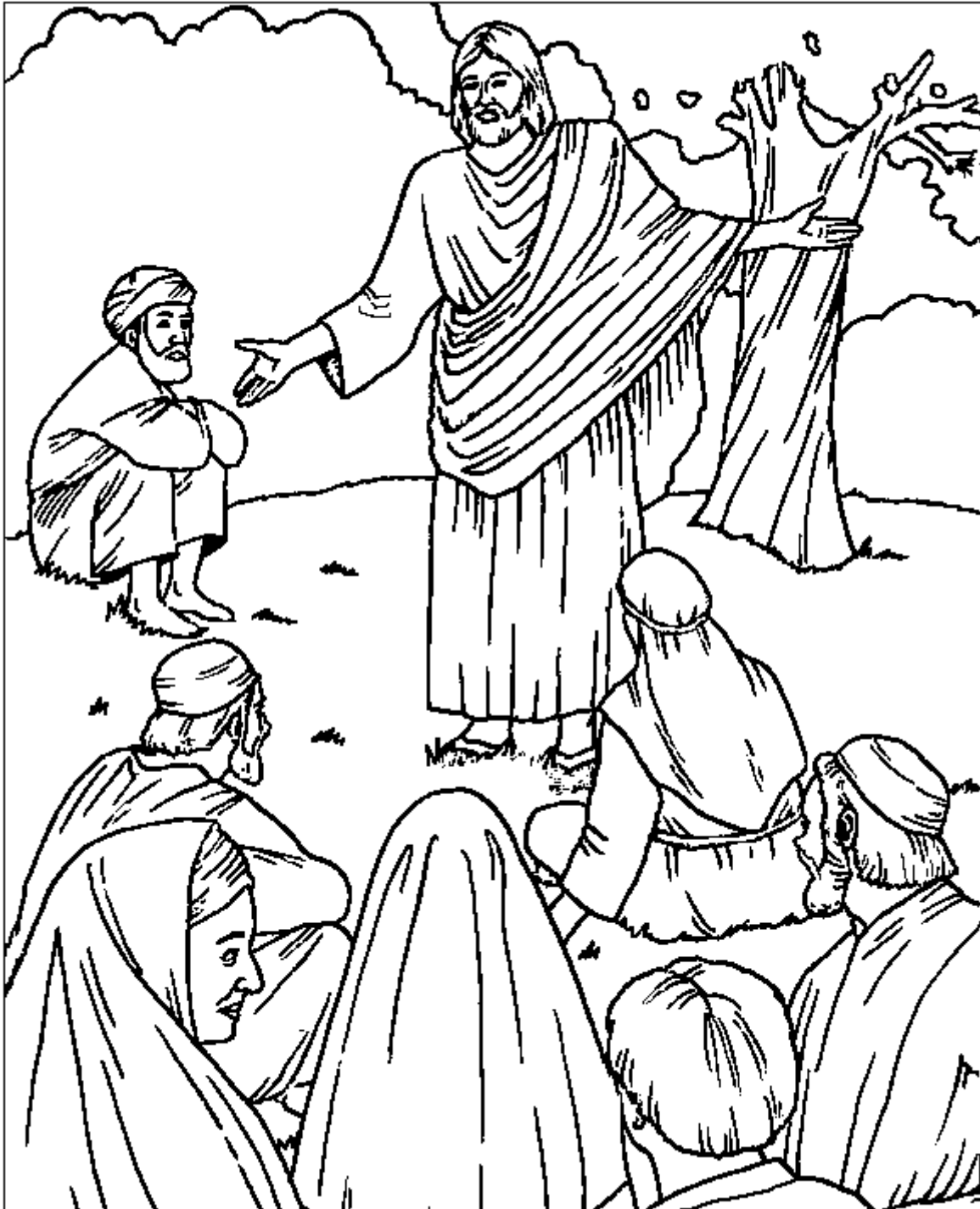
**BLESSING** (spoken together:)

***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:** An Irish Blessing (Irish traditional, arr. Moore)

## CHILDREN'S COLOURING PAGE

Jesus preaches to the people  
The Sermon on the Mount



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# The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



S T H I R S T G V H M Q B U S  
 T O D O Y R G P R E E O A F L  
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| KINGDOM | MERCY | EARTH  | FILLED  | MOURN   |
| HUNGER  | HEART | SPIRIT | BLESSED | INHERIT |
| THIRST  | MEEK  | PURE   | POOR    | HEAVEN  |

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## NOTICES

- **Digital Worship** is held live every Sunday at our regular worship time of 12.30 p.m. on the conference platform Zoom. The Meeting ID is: 948 4226 7013. The Passcode is: 032542. Worship bulletins are always posted on our website a few days in advance at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/worship-archive/>
- For **data protection** reasons, no private audio or video recordings of our Zoom worship services are permitted. Please comply to respect each other's privacy.
- The focus of the **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is on Oceania. Please hold these countries and their peoples in prayer this week. Click here for more information and prayers: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/oceania-american-samoa-cook-islands-fiji-french-polynesia-maori-niue-kanaky-kiribati-marshall-islands-micronesia-nauru-niue-palau-papua-new-guinea-samoa-solomon-islands-tonga-tuvalu-vanuatu>
- Links to many other **online worship resources** provided by various churches, including the United Church of Christ, the Church of Scotland and others, have been posted on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- 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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