

ECC Bochum

English-speaking Christian Congregation

Digital Worship: 8 November 2020

Zoom access: <https://ruhr-uni-bochum.zoom.us/j/94842267013?pwd=TOpERVZmbUzK3k5dzhnMXRcEc1UT09>
(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

GATHERING MUSIC: Edvard Grieg, "Morning" (Peer Gynt Suite)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
(Matthew 25:13)

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

Come, God, come walk with your people,
for you alone are our strength and glory,
and we put our trust in you.

Come, God, come walk beside us, before us,
for you alone are our shelter and direction,
and we put our trust in you.

Come, God, come seek and find and put us right,
for you alone are the light in our darkness,
and we put our trust in you.

Come, God, for we know you are near,
and the sound of your footsteps sets us dancing.
Help us to praise and worship you.

HYMN *Longing for light / Christ, be our light!* (Church Hymnary 543)

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME *Give me oil in my lamp*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning; give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning;
keep me burning till the break of day.
Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King of kings;
Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King!

GOSPEL READING St. Matthew 25:1-13 (GNB New Testament, page 37)
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

REFLECTION

MUSIC *What a Beautiful Name* (Charlotte Kreimer and Debbie Hubweber)

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 'I have a dream', a man once said! (Church Hymnary 710)

1. 'I have a dream', a man once said, 'where all is perfect peace; where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and all unite in freedom and in love.' [repeat last line]
2. But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade; reality seems dark as night; we catch but glimpses of the light Christ shed on humankind. [repeat last line]
5. Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will; don't let us rest until we see your love throughout humanity uniting us in peace. [repeat last line]

BLESSING (spoken together:)

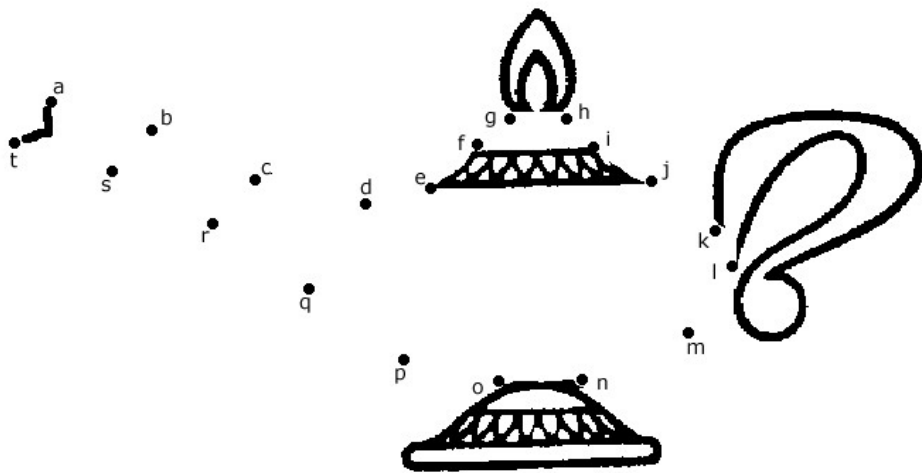
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC: Can You Feel the Sunshine? (Connor Patterson)



CHILDREN'S SECTION

Parable of the Ten Young Women
Dot to Dot



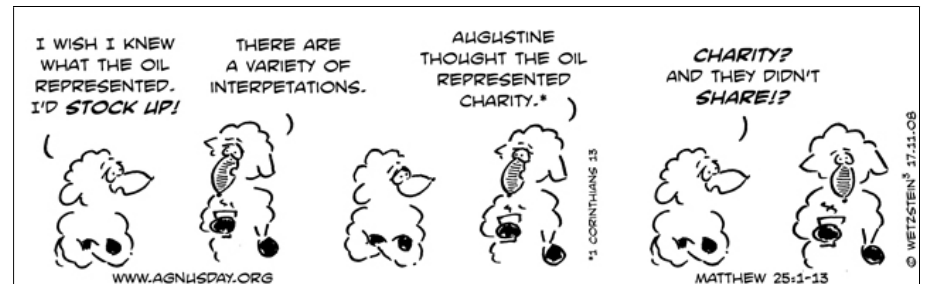
Join the dots, then colour the picture.

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

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 Aotearoa / New Zealand and Australia. Please hold these countries and their peoples in prayer. More information and prayers at: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/aotearoa-new-zealand-australia>
- 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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