

Digital Worship, 17 January 2021

Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484653256?pwd=ZFFHV25JSmcvS1M2SVVNNkcwc091QT09>
(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

PRELUDE: “Hymne à la nuit” (Jean-Philippe Rameau) from the film “Les Choristes”

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them! (Psalm 139:17)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES (responses in bold-face italics)

Welcome to church: not a place, but an invitation;
not a building, but a way of engaging;
not a service, but a way of serving;
not an institution, but a path to adventure.

***In this new year, let us gather, and welcome each other:
make space for all, decide to love more, and break the rules
of the world with the generosity of the kingdom.***

And if anyone asks “why?” or “how?” or “what does it all mean?”
let us simply use Jesus’ own words: “Come and see!”

HYMN *I, the Lord of sea and sky* (Church Hymnary 251, verses 1 and 2)

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME & HYMN *Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus*

Refrain:

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus. Anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on.

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus. Everywhere he leads me, I will follow on.

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:43-51 (GNB New Testament, page 118)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come with me!" (⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," answered Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, "Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ "Teacher," answered Nathanael, "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!" ⁵¹ And he said to them, "I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man."

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

REFLECTION "Making a Difference" (Revd James Brown)

HYMN *Will you come and follow me?* (Church Hymnary 533, verses 1-2 and 4-5)

- 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, you summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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 *You are called to tell the story* (Church Hymnary 680, verses 1-2 and 4)

- 1 You are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others,
as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
filling all with songs of love.
- 2 You are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love.
- 4 May the One whose love is broader
than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story,
move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living,
filling all with gifts of love.

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.

POSTLUDE: "Jerusalema Dance Challenge" (Masaka Kids, Uganda)

NOTICES

- **Digital Worship** live every Sunday at 12.30 p.m. on Zoom (opens 12:15). Meeting ID: 814 8465 3256, Passcode: 947371. No private audio or video recordings to be made, please for **data protection** reasons. Videos of hymns and reflection will be posted in the worship section of the ECC website for viewing after Sunday.
- For Revd Dr Robert Haworth (“Pastor Bob”), who is leading our prayers this week, today is – to the very day – the **50th anniversary of his ordination to ministry**.
- Next week, Revd Jimmy Brown and Revd Dr Anja Stuckenberger will share in leading worship on the theme of **Christian Unity**. This marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18-25 January, about which you can learn more at: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>
- This week’s **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on these seven countries in the Persian Gulf: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/bahrain-kuwait-oman-qatar-saudi-arabia-united-arab-emirates-yemen>
- Some ECC members are **reading the Bible** (roughly) **chronologically** throughout 2021, following a special reading plan. If you would also like to take part, please contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or [sebastian.stuewe\(at\)mailbox.org](mailto:sebastian.stuewe(at)mailbox.org)
- **Online worship resources** by various churches, including the UCC, the Church of Scotland and others, are on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- Literally 1000s of **English books** (mixed content) were donated to the ECC at the end of last year and are available for inspection at the ‘Pfarrhaus’, Neustraße 15. Phone Pastor Jimmy on 0234 13365 to arrange a time to browse and select a few books. Donations to the ECC funds are welcome for whatever books you choose!



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CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH

Tell Your Friends about Jesus

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

The puzzle is based on John 1:43-51



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GALILEE	KING	KNOW	NAZARETH	ANDREW
PHILIP	RABBI	FOLLOW	JESUS	ISRAEL

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