



ECC Bochum

English-speaking
Christian Congregation

Digital Worship,
24 January 2021

Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484653256?pwd=ZFFHV25JSmcrS1M2SVVNNkcwc091QT09>
(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

PRELUDE: “Laudes de la Résurrection” (Fraternités monastiques de Jérusalem)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)
Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:8)

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

Just and merciful God, you speak 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 follow your way of truth and love.

God with us, your Holy Spirit moves us to action,
challenging us to live the Good News.

Help us to respond here and now – and to say Yes!

HYMN *Jubilate, everybody* (Church Hymnary 65)

Jubilate, everybody,
serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before his presence singing,
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD’S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME & ACTION SONG *I will make you fishers of men*

- 1 I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men;
I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me.
If you follow me, if you follow me;
I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me.
- 2 Hear Christ calling, come unto me, come unto me, come unto me.
Hear Christ calling, come unto me, I will give you rest.
I will give you rest; I will give you rest;
Hear Christ calling, come unto me, I will give you rest.

SCRIPTURE READING #1 Mark 1:14-20 (GNB New Testament, page 46)

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. ¹⁵ "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and went with him.

¹⁹ He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. ²⁰ As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus.

HYMN *Lord, you have come to the seashore* (Church Hymnary 532)

- 1 Lord, you have come to the seashore,
Neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.
*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side I will seek other shores.*
- 2 Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and my labour?
- 3 Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.
- 4 Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting-place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and my refuge.

DIALOGUE #1 “Seeking other shores” (Thoughts on Mark 1:14-20)

SCRIPTURE READING #2 John 15:1-17 (GNB New Testament, page 138)

“I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. ³ You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. ⁴ Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. ⁶ Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. ⁸ My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. ⁹ I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. ¹³ The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. ¹⁴ And you are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. ¹⁷ This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

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

DIALOGUE #2 “Winemaking for beginners” (Thoughts on John 15:1-17)

HYMN *Holy wisdom, lamp of learning* (Church Hymnary 604)

- 1 Holy wisdom, lamp of learning, bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgement as we kindle sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit joined in deepest unity.
- 2 Vine of truth, in your we flourish; by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us shape our life, your will to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying, may we help the Church convey
witness to the saving gospel, bearing fruit of faith today.

- 3 Holy God, the hope of nations, tune us to your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm, that God's praise be ever heard.

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 *May the God of hope go with us every day* (Church Hymnary 256)

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
*Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

BLESSING (ending with these words, spoken together:)

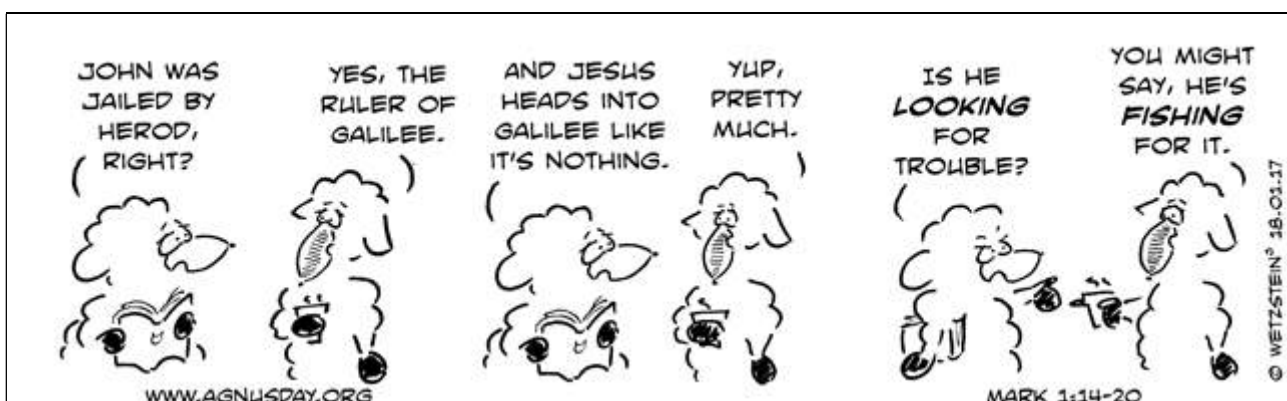
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Resolution Song" (Cameroon Afro Gospel Choir)

[Choirs throughout the world have recorded this song "World On Our Shoulders" calling for action to protect our planet. Find out more at #Resolution2020. The singers on this video have given the song a Christian twist, clearly singing instead "World On His Shoulders".]

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.
- Today's worship focusses in part on the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, which is celebrated by churches throughout the world from 18-25 January. Revd Jimmy Brown (Church of Scotland) and Revd Dr Anja Stuckenberger (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Protestant Church of Westphalia) are sharing in leading worship today. You can learn more about Christian Unity Week at: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>
- Please contribute to today's **Prayers for Others** by writing your prayer requests and petitions in the Chat window of the Zoom worship meeting.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Cyprus, Greece and Turkey: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/cyprus-greece-turkey>
- 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@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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Come, follow me



Jesus calls us to follow and learn about God's love. Use a pencil or crayon to trace over the broken letters. Then draw pictures of people who are following Jesus (or cut out people in magazines and glue them beside Jesus). Would you like to be in this picture, too?

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