

21 February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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

PRELUDE: “Gymnopédie No. 3” (Erik Satie)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:8)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES (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 there:

We praise you!

You give breath to all creatures

and your Spirit to all people:

We praise and thank you, O God!

That the eyes of the blinded may 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 *Let's sing to the Lord* (Church Hymnary 126)

- 1 Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
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Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.
- 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
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Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
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So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

4 Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
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Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Hallelujah!
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OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *Danket, danket dem Herrn / O give thanks to the Lord*

Psalm 106: 1

18th century melody: Germany



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Dan-ket, dan - ket dem Herrn, denn er ist sehr freund - lich, sei - ne
O give thanks to the Lord, for our God is gra - cious, and his

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Güt und Wahr - heit wä - ret e - wig - lich!
lov - ing - kind - ness lasts for ev - er - more.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME "Some of my favourite things"

CHILDREN'S HYMN *Who put the colours in the rainbow?*

1 Who put the colours in the rainbow? Who put the salt in the sea?
Who put the cold in the snowflake? Who made you and me?
Who put the hump upon the camel? Who put the neck on the giraffe?
Who put the tail upon the monkey? Who made hyenas laugh?
Who made whales and snails and quails?
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?
Who made bats and rats and cats? Who made everything?

- 2 Who put the gold in the sunshine? Who put the sparkle in the stars?
Who put the silver in the moonlight? Who made Earth and Mars?
Who put the scent into the rose? Who taught the honey-bee to dance?
Who put the tree inside the acorn? It surely can't be chance!
Who made seas and leaves and trees?
Who made snow and winds that blow?
Who made streams and rivers flow? God made all of these!

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8-17 (GNB Old Testament, page 10)

God said to Noah and his sons, ⁹“I am now making my covenant with you and with your descendants, ¹⁰and with all living beings – all birds and all animals – everything that came out of the boat with you. ¹¹With these words I make my covenant with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. ¹²As a sign of this everlasting covenant which I am making with you and with all living beings, ¹³I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world. ¹⁴Whenever I cover the sky with clouds and the rainbow appears, ¹⁵I will remember my promise to you and to all the animals that a flood will never again destroy all living beings. ¹⁶When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth. ¹⁷That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings.”

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

REFLECTION Revd Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah

HYMN *Through the love of God, our Saviour* (Church Hymnary 562)

- 1 Through the Love of God, our Saviour, all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour; all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us; all must be well.
- 2 Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
fruitful is in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding; all must be well.
- 3 We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, 'All, all is well.'
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying, all must be well.

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 *Look forward in faith* (Church Hymnary 237)

- 1 Look forward in faith, all time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with him and trust his future plan.
God has wisely led his people by his power.
Look forward in hope, eh gives us each new hour.
- 2 Look forward in faith, the world is in God's care.
His purpose of love he calls on us to share.
In our neighbour's need the Lord is present still.
He blesses the meek! The earth will know God's will.
- 3 Look forward in faith, God gives us life each day.
Go onward with Christ, his Spirit guides our way.
Now God lets us live within the sphere of grace.
Trust ever in him, he rules o'er earth and space!

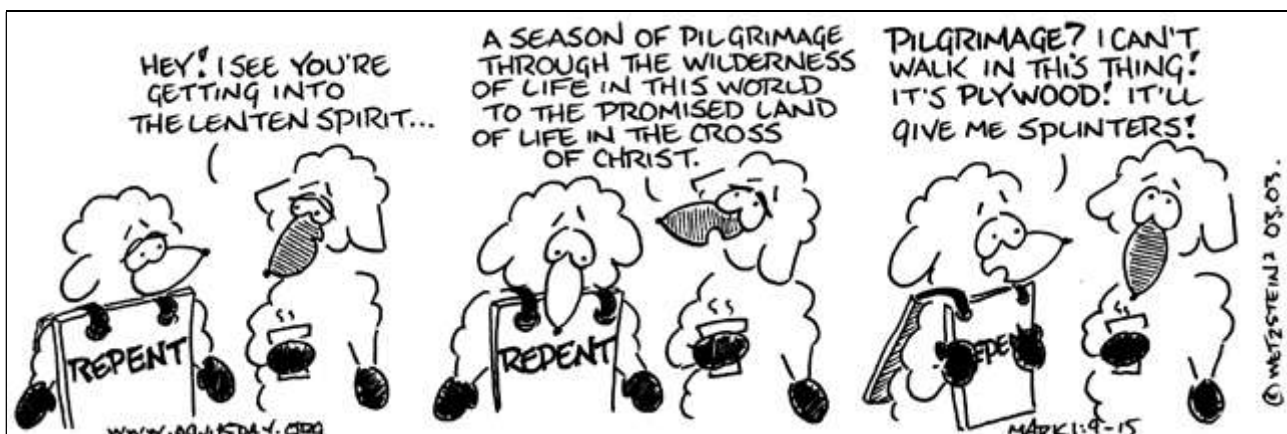
BLESSING (spoken together:)

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.

POSTLUDE: "Ich bin ein rechter Weinstock" (Heinrich Schütz) Jugendkonzertchor der Singakademie Dortmund

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 team** consists of Herold Dehling (Duty Elder), Mary Otto (Reader), Jimmy Brown (Liturgy) and Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah (Reflection).
- To **volunteer as a reader**, please check out the Doodle Reader's Rota poll: https://doodle.com/poll/8iznq2f2fzgw9cin?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link
- A six-week **online Bible study** on the *Servant Songs in Isaiah* led by Revs Anja Stuckenberger, Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah and Jimmy Brown begins on Tuesday 23 February at 19:00 hrs. Zoom Meeting ID: 882 1296 9022, Passcode: 051157 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960517092?pwd=U0RzaDg3VkxldlJmVUx3eTNoZTBkUT09>
- Our choir director is looking for singers for the **digital recording project** to prepare songs for Lent and Easter. Please contact Hendrik on: [hendrik.ziser\(at\)t-online.de](mailto:hendrik.ziser@t-online.de)
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on France, Germany and Monaco. Please include these countries and their peoples in your prayers this week. <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/france-germany-monaco>
- If you want to join **reading the Bible chronologically** through 2021, please contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or [sebastian.stuwe\(at\)mailbox.org](mailto:sebastian.stuwe@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/>



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CHILDREN'S COLOURING PAGE

Noah sees God's Rainbow Sign of Hope



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