

ECC Bochum Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation

28 February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484653256?pwd=ZFFHV25JSmcS1M2SVVNNkcwc091QT09>

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

PRELUDE: *Poco vivace*, “Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, Op. 9” (Hermann Schroeder)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

God says, “I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations.” (Genesis 17:7)

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

Blessed is the One who spoke and the world came into being.

Blessed is the One who creates the world.

Blessed is the One who speaks and does.

Blessed is the One who decrees and fulfils.

Blessed is the One who has compassion for the earth.

Blessed is the One who has compassion for all creatures.

Blessed is the One who rewards those who fear God.

Blessed is the One who lives eternally and exists forever.

Blessed is the One who redeems and saves.

Blessed is the Holy One.

HYMN *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet* (Church Hymnary 169)

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,

praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun and moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME Revd Dr Anja Stuckenberg

CHILDREN'S HYMN "Father Abraham"

Father Abraham had many sons, and many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them, and so are you, so let's all praise the Lord!

[Right arm; left arm!]

[Right arm; left arm! Right foot; left foot!]

[Right arm; left arm! Right foot; left foot! Nod your head; turn around!]

[Right arm; left arm! Right foot; left foot! Nod your head; turn around!
Jump up and down! Clap your hands! Stamp your feet! Say "Amen!"]

[Now sit down!]

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (GNB Old Testament, page 16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right. ² I will make my covenant with you and give you many descendants." ³ Abram bowed down with his face touching the ground, and God said, ⁴ "I make this covenant with you: I promise that you will be the ancestor of many nations. ⁵ Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, because I am making you the ancestor of many nations. ⁶ I will give you many descendants, and some of them will be kings. You will have so many descendants that they will become nations.

⁷ “I will keep my promise to you and to your descendants in future generations as an everlasting covenant. I will be your God and the God of your descendants.”

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, “You must no longer call your wife Sarai; from now on her name is Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will become the mother of nations, and there will be kings among her descendants.”

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

VIDEO Yigdal: How to say this Jewish prayer

HYMN *The God of Abraham praise* (Church Hymnary 162 verses 1-3 + 5)

- 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of Love.
Jehovah, Great “I AM” by earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name for ever blest.
- 2 The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and power,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tower.
- 3 He by himself has sworn, I on his oath depend:
I shall on eagle’s wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.
- 5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham’s God, and mine! – I join the heavenly praise –
all might and majesty are thine, through endless days.

REFLECTION Revd Dr Anja Stuckenberg (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

HYMN *When the hungry who have nothing share* (Church Hymnary 258)

- 1 When the hungry who have nothing share with strangers;
when the thirsty give such water as they have;
when in weakness, we lend strength to one another:
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.
- 2 When the suffering find their comfort in our blessing,
when despair is turned to hope, radiant and bright;
when all hating melts in embers of our loving:
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.

- 3 When rejoicing overtakes our hearts with gladness;
when the truth is in our lives and on our lips;
when our love for simple things helps conquer sadness:
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.
- 4 When true goodness makes each home a hallowed shelter;
when our warfare yields to peace, and earth is blest;
when we find Christ's human face in every neighbour:
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.
God goes with us on the pathways of our lives.

NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (LITANY OF INTERCESSION)

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 *O Jesus, I have promised* (Church Hymnary 644)

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me: the world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory, your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:
now give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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: "Gige" (François Couperin) played on a Belgian Carillon

NOTICES: WORSHIP

Welcome to our digital English-language worship from Bochum, Germany, on the digital platform Zoom! We go live every Sunday at ca. 12:15 hrs CET for a 12:30 hrs start. Meeting ID: 814 8465 3256, Passcode: 947371.

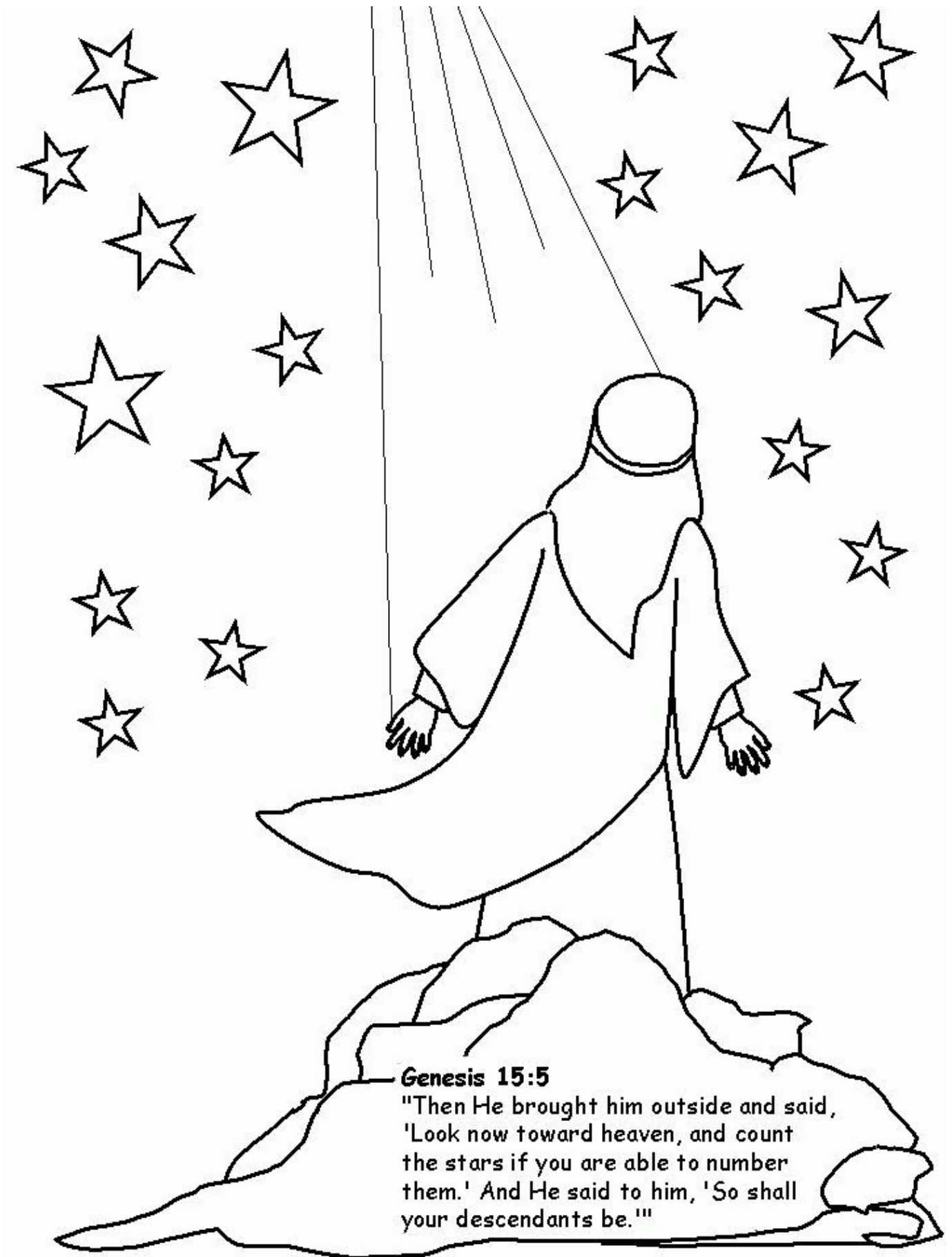
- For **data protection** reasons, please don't make audio or video recordings of any part of the worship. Videos of hymns and of the reflection will be posted in the worship section of the ECC website for viewing afterwards (ecc-bochum.de).
- **Today's worship team:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner (Duty Elder), Andrea Nieder Hagemann (Reader), Jimmy Brown (Liturgy) and Anja Stuckenberg (Reflection).
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands and their peoples: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/belgium-luxembourg-netherlands>
- **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/>

NOTICES: ACTIVITIES

Here are just some of many activities you can take part in, even in lockdown. Those listed here are organised and run by our congregation and others:

- **Online Bible study** on the *Servant Songs in Isaiah*. Next meeting on **Tuesday 2 March** at 19:00 hrs. Zoom Meeting ID: 882 1296 9022, Passcode: 051157 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88960517092?pwd=U0RzaDg3VWxldlJmVUx3eTNoZTBkUT09>
Contact Pastor Jimmy for a booklet with the passages we'll be studying.
- **International Youth Presbytery 2021** "A little sparkle of hope" for ca. 18 to 26-year-olds, with quizzes, chat, laughs, fellowship, reflection and questions..., hosted by ECC Bochum and involving youth from throughout Europe on **Sunday 7 March** 15:00 – 16:30 CET on Zoom. Meeting ID: 836 2446 9190; Passcode: 129755 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624469190?pwd=ZTIJL09TSmRCUTVFV0dYOU1Pc3BqUT09>
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021, supported in a WhatsApp group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or [sebastian.stuewe\(at\)mailbox.org](mailto:sebastian.stuewe(at)mailbox.org)
- **Volunteer as a reader** for Sunday worship. Check out the Doodle Reader's Rota poll: https://doodle.com/poll/8iznq2f2fzgw9cin?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link
- Join the **digital choir recording project** to prepare songs for Lent and Easter. Please contact Hendrik on: [hendrik.ziser\(at\)t-online.de](mailto:hendrik.ziser(at)t-online.de)

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