

ECC Bochum Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation

7 March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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: "Were I to cross from land to land" (Psalm 139, New Scottish Hymn Band)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

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

Through the creation of the universe,
you love us, Lord.

Through guidance, call and commandment,
you love us, Lord.

Through the gift of your Son, Jesus,
you love us, Lord.

Through our worship and our response to your word,
we love you, Lord.

HYMN *Let's sing unto the Lord* (Church Hymnary 176)

- 1 (original Spanish text)
Cantemos al Señor un himno de alegría,
un cántico de amore al nacer el nuevo día.
El hizo el cielo el mar, el so y las estrellas
y vio en ellos bondad, pues sus obras eran bellas.
¡Aleluia! ¡Aleluia! Cantemos al Señor. ¡Aleluia!
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- 1 Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of love, joining hearts and happy voices.
God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans;
their voices all proclaim the glory of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

- 2 Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
express unto the Lord our songs of faith and hope.
Creation's broad display proclaims the work of grandeur,
the boundless love of one who blesses us with beauty.

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OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me* (Church Hymnary 619)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me:

break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME "Spring cleaning"

SCRIPTURE READING St. John 2:13-22 (GNB New Testament, page 118)

It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. ¹⁵ So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; ¹⁶ and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

¹⁸ The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

²⁰ "Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!"

²¹ But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. ²² So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said.

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

HYMN *Jesus Christ is waiting* (Church Hymnary 360)

- 1 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.
- 2 Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets;
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too:
in the kingdom's causes, let me rage with you.
- 3 Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too:
let my care be active, healing, just like you.
- 4 Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets;
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.
- 5 Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:
walk one step before me, I will follow you.

REFLECTION "We Shall Rebuild" Revd Jimmy Brown (Church of Scotland)

HYMN *Christ be beside me* (Church Hymnary 577)

- 1 Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.
- 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.
- 3 Christ be in all hearts, thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

NOTICES (see page 5)

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 *At the name of Jesus* (Church Hymnary 458)

traditional words on the YouTube video; this revised version in the hymnary:

- 1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2 Brothers, sisters, name him with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
- 3 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
let his grace support you in temptation's hour;
and his will enfold you in its light and power.
- 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: "Iesu, cyfaill f'enaidd i" (Jesus, Lover of my soul) sung in Welsh

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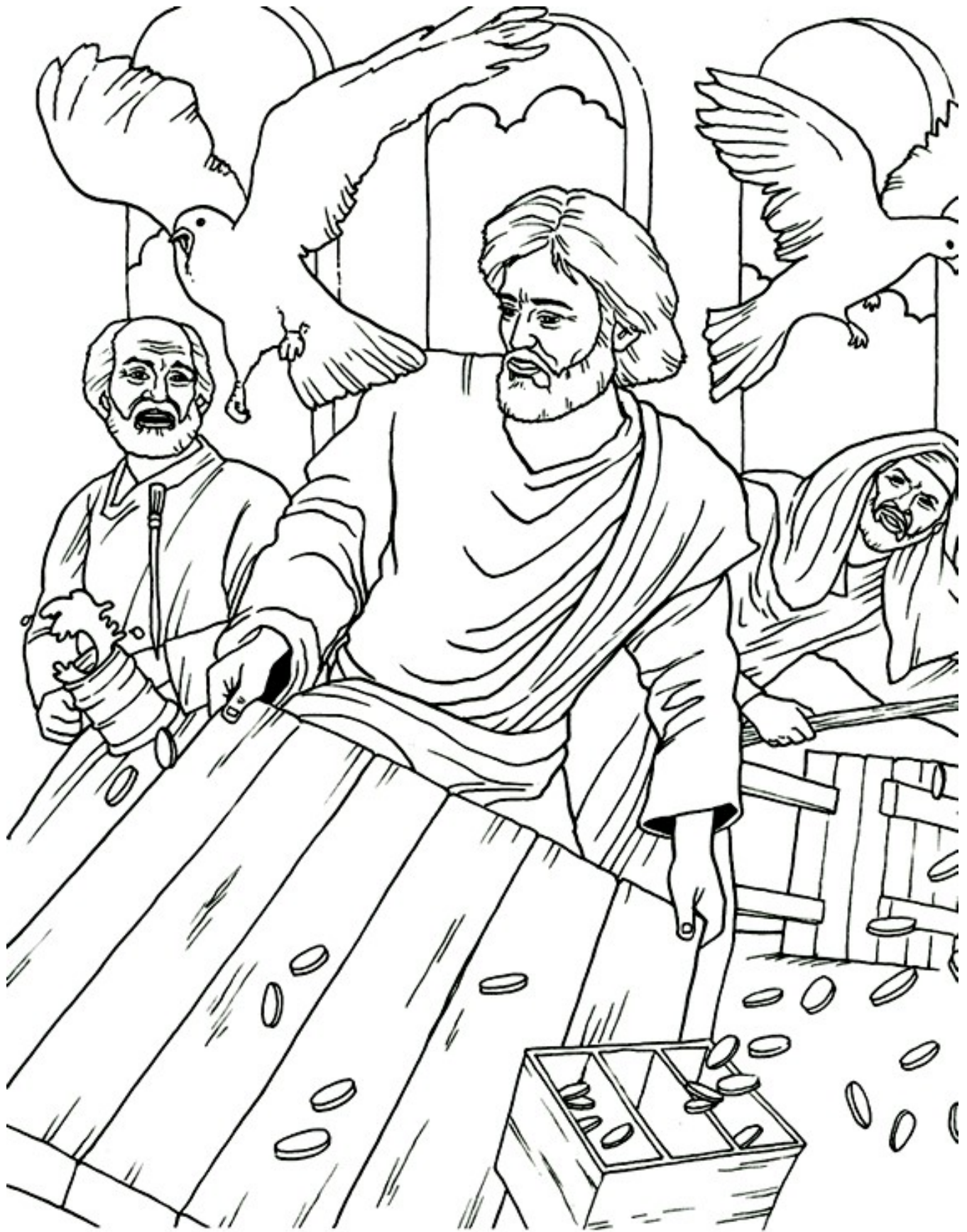
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- For **data protection** reasons, please don't make audio or video recordings of any part of the worship. Videos of hymns and of the reflection will be posted in the worship section of the ECC website for viewing afterwards (ecc-bochum.de).
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Ireland and the United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales). Please pray for these countries and their peoples: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/ireland-united-kingdom-england-northern-ireland-scotland-wales>
- **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/>
- **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/88212969022?pwd=TWxWM3UrSkd5YzF0QIM1UWd3T3k5QT09>
Contact Pastor Jimmy for a booklet with the passages we'll be studying.
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021, supported in a Zoom 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
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