

ECC Bochum Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation

18 April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Xpucmoc Bockpec (Christ is Risen) by O. Koshetz Choir, Ukrainian Song
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeLewtWYVao&list=PL-GmlcAdSvDxhaD1XESvmog8C9Vkf8WIO>

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

Christ has risen, **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

We gather to worship the risen Christ, Conqueror of death.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We lift up praise to the risen Christ, Redeemer of all life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We give thanks to the risen Christ, Giver of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ has risen, **Christ is risen indeed!**

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laZqLPmhNAc>

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Jesus, risen from the dead, greeted his worried followers with the reassuring and uplifting words: "Peace be with you." And so, following his example, we greet each other with these same words now: **Peace be with you!**

HYMN

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BagH-zTfnsQ>

CHILDREN'S TIME

How having faith is a little bit like being baffled and then to smile: The Penrose Triangle Mystery

SCRIPTURE READING

St. Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

Morning has broken (Cat Stevens)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Rifby1tVE8>

REFLECTION

Resurrection, body and soul: an eco-theological reading

HYMN

You raise me up
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oni0tO_HN30

NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
silence, then response

God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet
their responsibility to care *silence, then response*

Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the
hope and light of Christ *silence, then response*

Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through
the resurrection *silence, then response*

Prisoners and captives *silence, then response*

Those you carry in your heart and those who are your
enemy *silence, then response*

Response: Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

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

Here I am Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4t6mz8yoocY>

BLESSING

May we go from here,
full of hope and joy.

May we go from here,
knowing that through the resurrection,
we are forgiven, loved and free.

**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

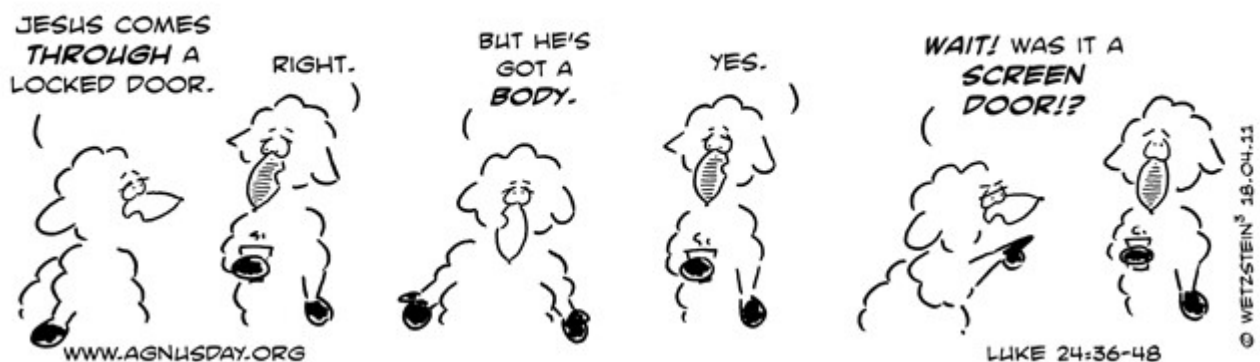
Russian Song *Christ Is Risen - Христос Воскресе из
Мертвых*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h48TuhaT5j4>

NOTICES

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).
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine. Please pray for these countries and their peoples:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/belarus-moldova-russia-ukraine>
- **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/>
- A new **online Bible study** *Sing and Study* exploring popular hymns starts **Tuesday 13 April** at 19:00 hrs. Zoom Meeting ID: 882 1296 9022, Passcode: 051157
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88212969022?pwd=TWxWM3UrSkd5YzF0QIM1UWd3T3k5QT09>
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or 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



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CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE

SHOWING HOW THE RISEN JESUS CHRIST EATS WITH HIS DISCIPLES



<http://southpoint.ca/the-risen-lord/>