



ECC Bochum Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation

16 May 2021

Seventh 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: “গীতসংহিতা ১ (সামসঙ্গীত)” (Psalm 1 in Bengali)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)
Jesus said, “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”
(John 17:17)

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

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship the One who turns our sorrow into joy,

who turns our despair into hope,

who turns our doubt into faith.

May the wind of the Spirit refresh our lives.

Come, let us worship.

HYMN *Sing of the Lord's goodness* (Church Hymnary 157)

- 1 Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.
*Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*
- 2 Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

- 3 Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.
- 4 Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him in your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

CHILDREN'S TIME Jesus prayed and teaches us to pray

ALL-AGE OPENING PRAYER

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.***

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:6-19 (GNB New Testament, page 140)

"I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word,⁷ and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you.⁸ I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me.

⁹"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you.¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them.¹¹ And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one.¹² While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true.¹³ And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness.

¹⁴I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do

not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. ¹⁶ Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.

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

HYMN *There is a Redeemer* (Church Hymnary 559)

- 1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.*
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, once for sinners slain.
- 3 When I stand in glory, I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever in that holy place.

REFLECTION (Revd Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah)

HYMN *Take my life, Lord, let it be* (Church Hymnary 502)

(NB: Words in the video differ slightly from those in the hymnbook shown below)

- 1 Take my life, Lord, let it be
consecrated, glad, and free;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of your love;
take my feet, that I may run
bearing news of Christ your Son.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect and use
every power as you shall choose.
- 4 Take my will – your will be done,
may my will and yours be one;
take my heart – it is your own,
it shall be your royal throne.

- 5 Take my love – my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
all for you, eternally.

NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

HYMN *Over my head, I hear music in the air* (Church Hymnary 575)

*Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.*

- 1 Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air*;
oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air*;
oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air*.
There must be a God somewhere.
- 2 And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air*;
and when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air*;
and when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air*.
There must be a God somewhere.
- 3 Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air*;
now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air*;
now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air*.
There must be a God somewhere.

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, evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Prabhu Timro Nimti" (Nepali Christian Song)

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 record any part of worship. Hymn and reflection videos will be posted for viewing on the ECC website (ecc-bochum.de).
- The *Sing and Study* **online Bible study** exploring favourite hymns concludes this **Tuesday 18 May** at 19:00 hrs with a session led by Dirk Erenkämper on the hymn "Abide With Me". 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](mailto:sebastian.stuewe(at)mailbox.org)
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/bangladesh-bhutan-nepal>
- On **Pentecost Sunday, 23 May**, our worship also marks the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the English-speaking Christian Congregation (ECC) in 1996. You are invited to wear or show something red (the liturgical colour of Pentecost) for next Sunday's worship as part of our online celebration.
- **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/>

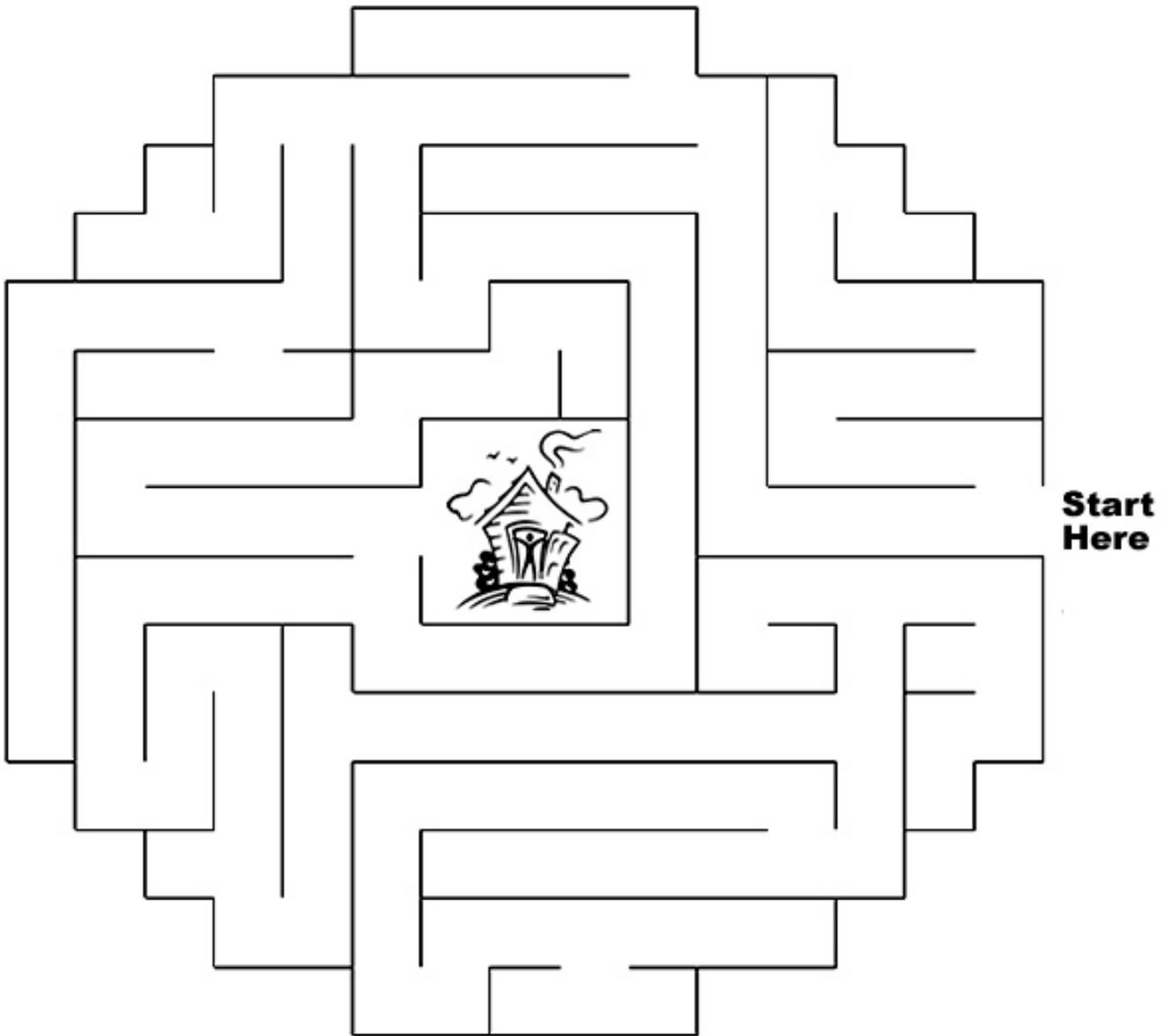


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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PAGE

Through Life's Maze
Can you find your way home?



And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world,
but they are in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe
by the power of your name.
(John 17:11a)

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