

ECC Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation



23 May 2021
Pentecost

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: “Jesosy Raiky Avao” ('Only Jesus') Vezo language, Southern Madagascar

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.
(Psalm 104:24)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Verses from Psalm 104; responses in bold-face italics)

LORD, you have made so many things!

How wisely you made them all!

The earth is filled with your creatures.

There is the ocean, large and wide,
where countless creatures live, large and small alike.

***The ships sail on it, and in it plays Leviathan,
that sea monster which you made.***

All of them depend on you
to give them food when they need it.

***You give it to them and they eat it;
you provide food, and they are satisfied.***

When you turn away, they are afraid;
when you take away your breath, they die
and go back to the dust from which they came.

***But when you send out your spirit, they are created;
you give new life to the earth.***

HYMN *Be still, for the presence of the Lord* (Church Hymnary 189)

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight – our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him – in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *Wa wa wa Emimimo (Come, O Holy Spirit, come)* Yoruba (Nigeria)

Wa wa wa Emimimo. (Emiolye.)

Wa wa wa Alagbaram. (Alagbarameta.)

Wao, wao, wao. (Emimimo.)

Come, O Holy Spirit, come. (Holy Spirit, come.)

Come, Almighty Spirit, come. (Almighty Spirit, come.)

Come, come, come. (O Spirit, come.)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE: The Gift of the Spirit (2 Timothy 1:7)

English	For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.
Japanese	そは神の我らに賜ひたるは、臆する靈にあらず、 能力と愛と謹慎との靈なればなり。
Lithuanian	Nes Dievas davė mums ne baimės dvasią, bet jėgos, meilės ir savitvardos dvasią.
Inuktitut	Guutimut kappiasungnirmik tunisilaungilaq, kisiani sanginirmik naglingnirmiglu ujjisuttiarnirmiglu.
Yoruba	Nítorí kì í ẹ̀mí ojo ni Ọ̀ṣun fún wa bíkòşe ẹ̀mí agbára ati ti ifẹ̀ ati ti ikóra-ẹ̀ni-níjàánu.
Dutch	Want God gaf ons niet de geest van angst, maar van kracht en liefde en voorzichtigheid.
Spanish	Pues Dios no nos ha dado un espíritu de timidez, sino de poder, de amor y de dominio propio.
NT Greek	οὐ γὰρ ἔδωκεν ἡμῖν ὁ θεὸς πνεῦμα δειλίας, ἀλλὰ δυνάμεως καὶ ἀγάπης καὶ σωφρονισμοῦ.

German	Denn Gott hat uns nicht gegeben den Geist der Furcht, sondern der Kraft und der Liebe und der Besonnenheit.
Bengali	ঈশ্বর আমাদের ভীরুতার আত্মা দেন নি। ঈশ্বর আমাদের পরাক্রম, প্রেম ও আত্মসংযমের আত্মা দিয়েছেন।
French	Car Dieu ne nous a pas donné un esprit de timidité, mais de force, de charité et de prudence.
Zeme Naga	Kedane mene Tinggwang anuide kengngi rabe peu ma; dede kengkieng, kekuu na mi katei mide kehetip rabe peu.

HYMN *In the Lord I'll be ever thankful* (Church Hymnary 772)

English	In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Katalonian	El Senyor és la meva força, el Senyor el meu cant. Ell m'ha estat la salvació. En ell confio i no tinc por, en ell confio i no tinc por.
German	Meine Hoffnung und meine Freude, meine Stärke, mein Licht, Christus, meine Zuversicht, auf dich vertrau' ich und fürcht' mich nicht, auf dich vertrau' ich und fürcht' mich nicht.
French	Ô ma joie et mon espérance, le Seigneur est mon chant. C'est de lui que vient le pardon. En lui j'espère, je ne crains rien. En lui j'espère, je ne crains rien.

SCRIPTURE John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (GNB New Testament, page 139)

“The Helper will come – the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me. ²⁷ And you, too, will speak about me, because you have been with me from the very beginning.

“I did not tell you these things at the beginning, for I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me where I am going. ⁶ And now that I have told you, your hearts are full of sadness. ⁷ But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, the Helper will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove to the people of the world that they are wrong about sin and about what is right and about God's judgment. ⁹ They are wrong about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ they are wrong about what is right, because I am going to the Father and you will not see me any more; ¹¹ and they are wrong about judgment, because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

¹² “I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. ¹³ When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come. ¹⁴ He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you. ¹⁵ All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you.”

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

REFLECTION God’s gifts we’re grateful for (discussion in breakout sessions)

HYMN *She sits like a bird* (Church Hymnary 593)

- 1 She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world’s first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.
- 2 She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.
- 3 She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.
- 4 For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

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 *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind* (Church Hymnary 600)

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour’s love.*

- 1 You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.
- 2 Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.

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, evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Yeshua" (Mauritius Gospel Music)

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).
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or sebastian.stuwe(at)mailbox.org
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on the Indian Ocean islands of Comoros, Madagascar, the Maldives, Mauritius, the Seychelles:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/indian-ocean-islands-comoros-madagascar-maldives-mauritius-seychelles>
- **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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The Day of Pentecost



Decorate this picture of the church's birthday.
(Acts 2:1-21)

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