



Digital Worship

4 July 2021

English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

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 CEST on Sunday.)

PRELUDE: “Shukran Yawe” (Thanksgiving song, JCC Gospel Choir, South Sudan)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)
Jesus said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power
is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

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

From the corners of the world,
from the confusion of life,
from the loneliness of our hearts,
gather us, O God.

To feed our minds,
to fire our imagination,
to free our hearts,
gather us, O God.

For the broadening of horizons,
for the joy of fresh insights,
for the new start in you we so long for,
gather us, O God.

HYMN *The Church is wherever...* (Church Hymnary 522)

- 1 The Church is wherever God’s people are praising,
knowing they’re wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ’s followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.

- 2 The Church is wherever God's people are loving, where all are forgiven and start once again, where all are accepted, whatever their background, whatever their past and whatever their pain.
- 3 The Church is wherever God's people are seeking, to reach out and touch folk wherever they are – conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort, to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.
- 4 The Church is wherever God's people are praising, knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord. The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-10 (GNB Old Testament, page 302)

Then all the tribes of Israel went to David at Hebron and said to him, "We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, even when Saul was still our king, you led the people of Israel in battle, and the Lord promised you that you would lead his people and be their ruler." ³ So all the leaders of Israel came to King David at Hebron. He made a sacred alliance with them, they anointed him, and he became king of Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. ⁵ He ruled in Hebron over Judah for seven and a half years, and in Jerusalem over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

⁶ The time came when King David and his men set out to attack Jerusalem. The Jebusites, who lived there, thought that David would not be able to conquer the city, and so they said to him, "You will never get in here; even the blind and the crippled could keep you out." (⁷ But David did capture their fortress of Zion, and it became known as "David's City.")

⁸ That day David said to his men, "Does anybody here hate the Jebusites as much as I do? Enough to kill them? Then go up through the water tunnel and attack those poor blind cripples." (That is why it is said, "The blind and the crippled cannot enter the Lord's house.")

⁹ After capturing the fortress, David lived in it and named it "David's City." He built the city around it, starting at the place where land was filled in on the east side of the hill. ¹⁰ He grew stronger all the time, because the Lord God Almighty was with him.

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

HYMN *O God, you search me and you know me* (Church Hymnary 97)

- 1 O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.
- 2 You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.
- 3 Before w word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.
- 4 Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
- 5 For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

REFLECTION “(Not) looking at David thru rose-coloured glasses”
Revd James Brown (Church of Scotland)

HYMN *Meekness and Majesty* (Church Hymnary 356)

- 1 Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony – the man who is God:
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.
*Oh, what a mystery – meekness and majesty:
Bow down and worship, for this is your God;
this is your God!*
- 2 Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice –
and, as they crucify, prays, 'Father, forgive'.
- 3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the height of his throne.

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 *Sent by the Lord am I* (Church Hymnary 250)

- 1 Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.
Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.
- 2 The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love,
of justice and of peace.
The task is mine to do,
to set it really free.
Oh, help me to obey;
help me to do your will.

BLESSING (spoken in unison)

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: "Have a little talk with Jesus" (Jehovah Shalom Acapella, Uganda)

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 CEST 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).
- **In-person / gathered worship** will most probably resume *next* Sunday, 11th July (not this Sunday as originally hoped) at the usual time of 12.30 in the Pauluskirche. The Presbyterium wholeheartedly welcomes our request, and a hygiene concept is currently with Bochum's Office of Public Order awaiting final approval. Solo or small ensemble music is planned, as congregational singing is still not possible. The usual hygiene measures apply – distance, masks, tracing information. A few technical nerds are working on a solution to stream our worship on the internet.
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021 continues, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or sebastian.stuewe(at)mailbox.org



This **six-week study series** starts **Tuesday, 13 July** at 7.30 p.m. (19.30 hrs): Gardening, Sabbath, Jubilee, Picnics & BBQs, Family Feasts, Survival Tours ... What constitutes recreation for you? For me? What do the cultures reflected in the Bible have to tell us about rest and recreation? **Venue:** Dirk & Sylke's Nature Garden, Umlandstraße 15a (enter along the path to the left just beyond the bridge).

- **Church Council members** please note that a Council meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday, 1st July, in the Upstairs Hall, Pariser Straße 4-6 from 19-21 hrs. A Zoom link option will be available for those who prefer to attend digitally.
- This week's **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** highlights Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/sudan-south-sudan-uganda>
- **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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David is crowned as King



Memory verse:

“All the leaders of Israel came to David.
They anointed him, and he became King of Israel.”
(2 Samuel 5:3)

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