

Sunday Worship

15 August 2021

English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

ORGAN PRELUDE

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)
Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.
(Proverbs 9:6)

WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Verses from Psalm 111 – responses in bold-face italics)

With all my heart I will thank the LORD in the assembly of his people.

How wonderful are the things the LORD does!

The Lord is kind and merciful:

He provides food for those who honour him.

The LORD sets his people free; holy and mighty is he!

The LORD is to be praised for ever.

HYMN *All glory, laud and honour* (Church Hymnary 364)

*All glory, laud, and honour, to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

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| 1 | You are the King of Israel,
great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessèd One. | 3 | The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and
anthems before you we present. |
| 2 | The company of angels
is praising you on high,
while we and all creation
together make reply. | 4 | To you before your Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. |
| | 5 | | Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting,
our great and gracious King. |

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-20 (GNB New Testament, p. 244)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

HYMN *For the beauty of the earth* (Church Hymnary 181)

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| <p>1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love that from our birth
Over and around us lies:
<i>Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.</i></p> <p>2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:</p> | <p>3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:</p> <p>4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:</p> <p>5 For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.</p> |
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REFLECTION “The Kingdom of Heaven is like ... well, like ... in any case, it is ... surprising!” (Revd Dr Anja Stuckenberger)

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” (Matthew 13:44-46)

HYMN *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* (Church Hymnary 641)

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

- 3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord; allelu, alleluia.

NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray the Lord's Prayer 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 *All things bright and beautiful* (Church Hymnary 137)

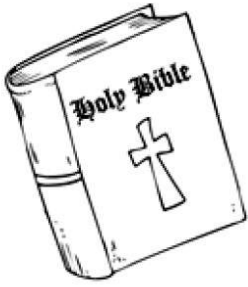
*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

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| 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings: | 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one: |
| 2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky: | 4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. |

BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



O Be Careful!

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Ephesians 5:15-20

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SONGS
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WINE
HYMNS
THANKS

HEART
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EVIL
DRUNK
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NOTICES

- **Welcome!** These Covid-19 prevention measures apply for **today's worship**:
 - ▶ Please sit only where you see a white card marked "**Sitzplatz**". You may sit together with other members of your household, but the statutory 1.5 metres distance must be observed otherwise.
 - ▶ Fill out the "Green Card" you were given as you entered church and give it to one of the stewards as you leave. This essential tracing information will be treated confidentially and destroyed after a period of four weeks.
 - ▶ Medical or FFP2 masks should be worn at all times while in church (including during congregational singing / humming of hymns). *Thank you.*
- Our **six-week vacation Bible study Take a Break** exploring rest, recreation and leisure continues on **Tuesday, 17 August** at 7.30 p.m. (19.30 hrs) with a session on 'Survival Tours'. The venue is Dirk & Sylke's *Naturgarten*, Umlandstraße 15a (follow the sign and the ribbons along the path to the left just beyond the bridge).
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021 continues, 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 **WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** focuses on Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/burkina-faso-chad-mali-mauritania-niger>
- Please note that there will be an **offering basket** as you leave church. You are encouraged to give generously to support the ongoing work of our congregation.

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Mark Philip Stadler

Indonesia – A Muslim voice in the Indo-Pacific: Cautious strategic maneuvers of a rising global middle power

Presentation and discussion (English, Deutsch)

The Republic of Indonesia, with its 17,000 islands the largest archipelagic state in the world and a nation of some 275 million people, is home to the largest Muslim population in the world. In the 21st century, the country will become the third most populous state (overtaking the United States), a top-ten economy by GDP globally and a political power regionally.

Its current role in the contested waters of the South China Sea, where several Southeast Asian nations and the Peoples' Republic of China rival for territorial sovereignty, is cautious yet follows strategies of shifting alignments with Western (Australia, US), ASEAN and East Asian partners. At the same time, Indonesia is heavily investing in its naval force and building naval bases in its own seas.

Indonesia is a rising nation that will put its unique imprint on the global economy and the Indo-Pacific political realm. The country prevails to be a functioning yet challenged democracy, and a nation of great ethnic, religious and cultural diversity. As a Muslim voice apart from the Middle East, Indonesia shows how Islam and democracy are a good match and this will echo globally. Indonesia matters and is going to matter more in the very near future.

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Admission 5.00 € (reduced rate 3.00 €)

Date 27 August 2021 19:15 - 21:00 hrs.