

# Sunday Worship

# 22 August 2021

English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

Jesus says, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."  
(John 6:63)

## WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Based on Psalm 84 – responses in bold-face italics)

The sparrow finds a home: *here in your house.*

The swallow finds a nest: *here in your house.*

The smallest ones find a resting place: *here in your house.*

The weary ones find a refreshing spring: *here in your house.*

And with them, we worship you.

## HYMN *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!* (Church Hymnary 111)

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
God ever living through eternity.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity.

## **OPENING PRAYER & CHORUS:** *Bless the Lord, my soul* (Taizé 5)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

## **SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Kings 8, selected verses (GNB Old Testament, p. 338)

Then King Solomon summoned all the leaders of the tribes and clans of Israel to come to him in Jerusalem in order to take the Lord's Covenant Box from Zion, David's City, to the Temple. [...] <sup>6</sup> Then the priests carried the Covenant Box into the Temple and put it in the Most Holy Place, beneath the winged creatures. [...]

<sup>10</sup> As the priests were leaving the Temple, it was suddenly filled with a cloud <sup>11</sup> shining with the dazzling light of the Lord's presence, and they could not go back in to perform their duties. [...]

<sup>22</sup> Then in the presence of the people Solomon went and stood in front of the altar, where he raised his arms <sup>23</sup> and prayed, "Lord God of Israel, there is no god like you in heaven above or on earth below! You keep your covenant with your people and show them your love when they live in wholehearted obedience to you. <sup>24</sup> You have kept the promise you made to my father David; today every word has been fulfilled. <sup>25</sup> And now, Lord God of Israel, I pray that you will also keep the other promise you made to my father when you told him that there would always be one of his descendants ruling as king of Israel, provided they obeyed you as carefully as he did. <sup>26</sup> So now, O God of Israel, let everything come true that you promised to my father David, your servant.

<sup>27</sup> "But can you, O God, really live on earth? Not even all of heaven is large enough to hold you, so how can this Temple that I have built be large enough? <sup>28</sup> Lord my God, I am your servant. Listen to my prayer, and grant the requests I make to you today. <sup>29</sup> Watch over this Temple day and night, this place where you have chosen to be worshiped. Hear me when I face this Temple and pray. <sup>30</sup> Hear my prayers and the prayers of your people when they face this place and pray. In your home in heaven hear us and forgive us. [...]

<sup>41-42</sup> "When a foreigner who lives in a distant land hears of your fame and of the great things you have done for your people and comes to worship you and to pray at this Temple, <sup>43</sup> listen to his prayer. In heaven, where you live, hear him and do what he asks you to do, so that all the peoples of the world may know you and obey you, as your people Israel do. Then they will know that this Temple I have built is the place where you are to be worshiped.

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

**CHORUS:** *Singt dem Herrn ein neues Lied* (Taizé 24)

Singt dem Herrn ein neues Lied. Lobsingt ihm allezeit.  
Sing to God with joyful hearts. Praise the Lord for evermore.

**REFLECTION** “Shining with the dazzling light...” (Revd James Brown)

**HYMN** *I rejoiced when I heard them say (Shalom)* (Church Hymnary 83)

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| <p>1 I rejoiced when I heard them say:<br/>‘Let us go to the house of God.’<br/>And now our feet are standing<br/>in your gates, O Jerusalem!<br/><i>Shalom, shalom,<br/>the peace of God be here.<br/>Shalom, shalom,<br/>God’s justice be ever near.</i></p> | <p>2 Like a temple of unity<br/>is the city, Jerusalem.<br/>It is there all the tribes will gather,<br/>all the tribes of the house of God.</p> <p>4 For the peace of all nations, pray:<br/>for God’s peace within your homes.<br/>May God’s lasting peace surround<br/>us; May it dwell in Jerusalem.</p> |
| <p>5 For the love of my friends and kin<br/>I will bless you with signs of peace.<br/>For the love of God’s own people<br/>I will labour and pray for you.</p>   |   |

**NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

**CHORUS:** *Ubi caritas et amor* (Taizé 15)

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.  
[Where there is charity and love, God is to be found.]

**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.***

**CHORUS:** *In manus tuas, Pater* (Taizé 30)

In manus tuas, Pater, commendo spiritum meum.  
[Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit.]

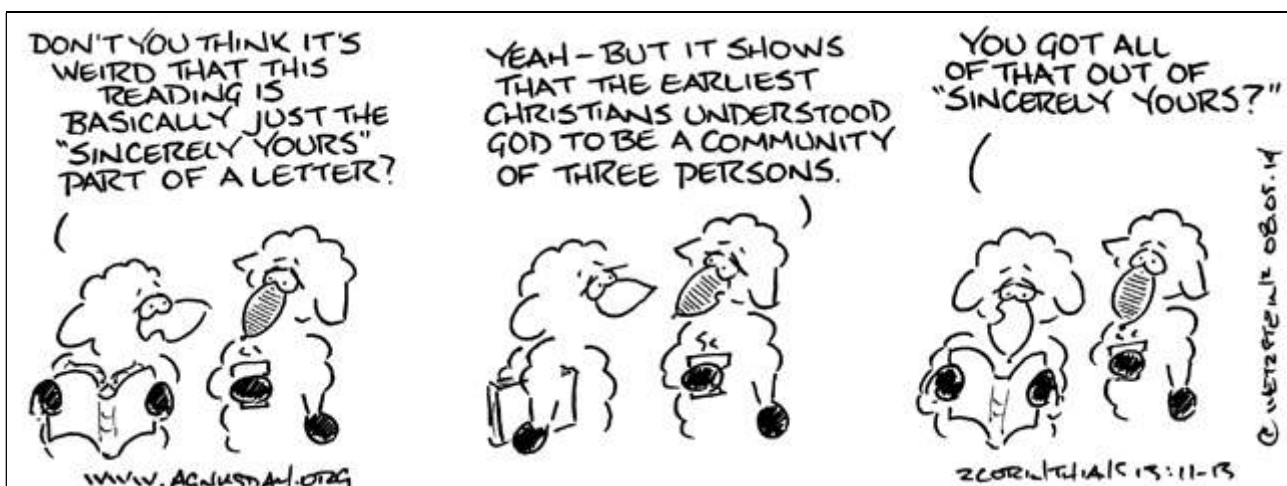
**BLESSING** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (see Agnus Day cartoon)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

## NOTICES

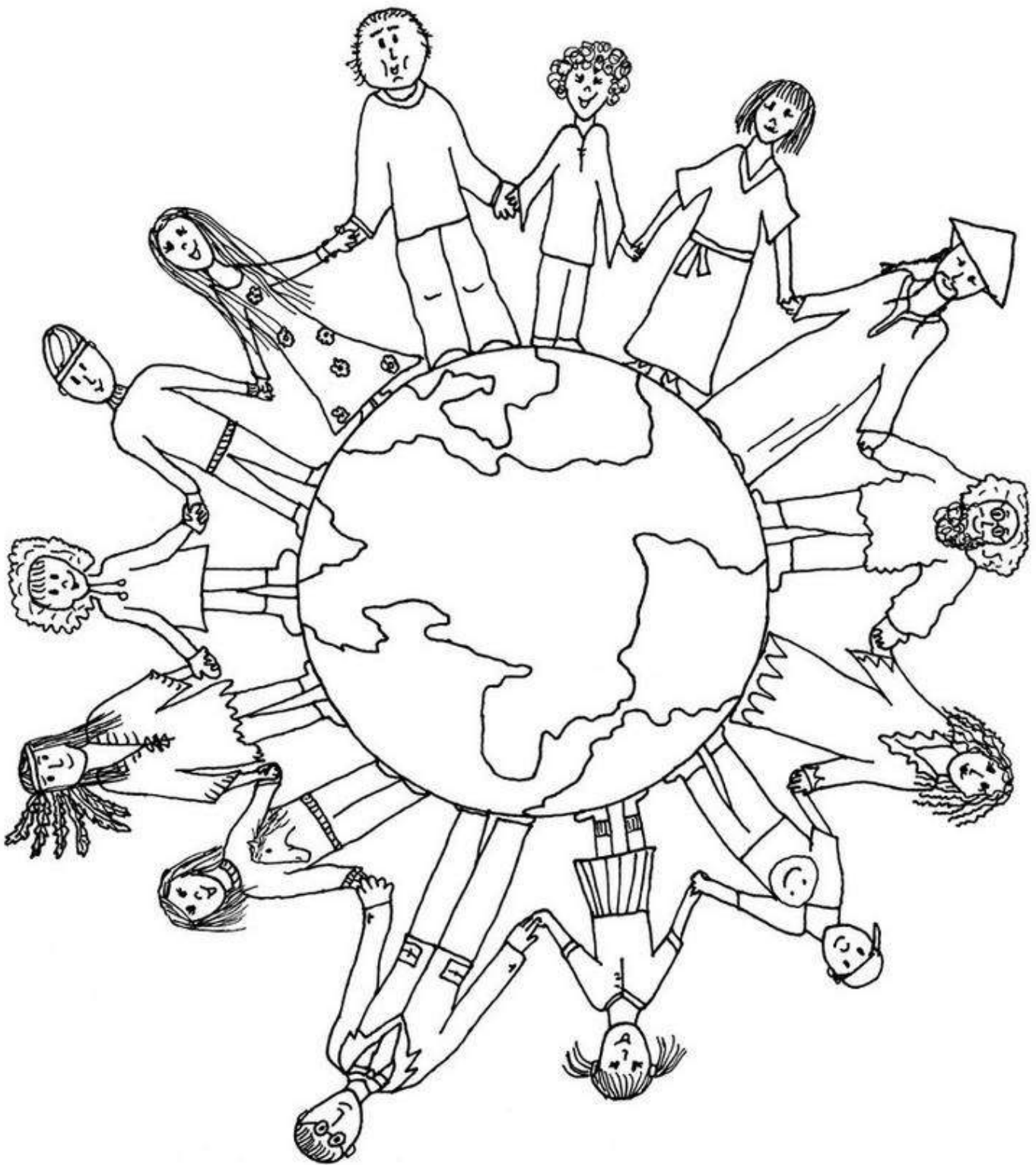
- **Welcome to today's worship!** Current Covid-19 prevention measures are:
  - ▶ Medical or FFP2 masks should be worn at all times while in church.
  - ▶ Sit anywhere you see a white card marked **"Sitzplatz"**. Families / households may sit together, but 1.5 metres distance must be observed otherwise.
  - ▶ Take a "Green Card" (and pen) with you to your seat, fill it out there, 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.
  - ▶ Sadly, congregational singing is now not possible. All choir members who are singing have been fully immunised and tested negative before worship.
  - ▶ There will be no offering during worship, but 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.
- Our **six-week vacation Bible study Take a Break** exploring rest, recreation and leisure concludes on **Tuesday, 24 August** at 7.30 p.m. (19.30 hrs) with a final session on 'Jubilee'. 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 Liberia, and Sierra Leone: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/liberia-sierra-leone>

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## CHILDREN'S COLOURING PAGE



### MEMORY VERSE

How wonderful it is, how pleasant,  
for God's people to live together in harmony!  
(Psalm 133:1)

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**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.