

Wisdom from above is
pure and peaceable,
merciful and fruitful,
impartial and unhypocritical.

English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

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ORGAN PRELUDE

The wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

James 3:17

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES

(Verses from Psalm 1)

(L) = Leader; (C) = Congregation

(L): Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers;

(C): ***but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.***

(L): That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

(C): ***Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.***

(L): Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

(C): ***For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.***

HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (Church Hymnary 132)

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:13 – 4:3

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

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

CHOIR “Lead me, Lord” (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

REFLECTION TWO TYPES OF WISDOM (Revd Emmanuel Mote Ndasah)

HYMN *Lord Speak to me that I may speak* (Church Hymnary 542)

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| 1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone. | 4 Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart. |
| 2 Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hung'ring ones with manna sweet. | 5 Oh, give Thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing pow'r
A word in season, as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour. |
| 3 Oh, strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea. | 6 Oh, fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show. |
| 7 Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. | |

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.***

CHOIR *"Brother James' Air" (The Lord's my Shepherd)* (James Leith MacBeth Bain)

BLESSING

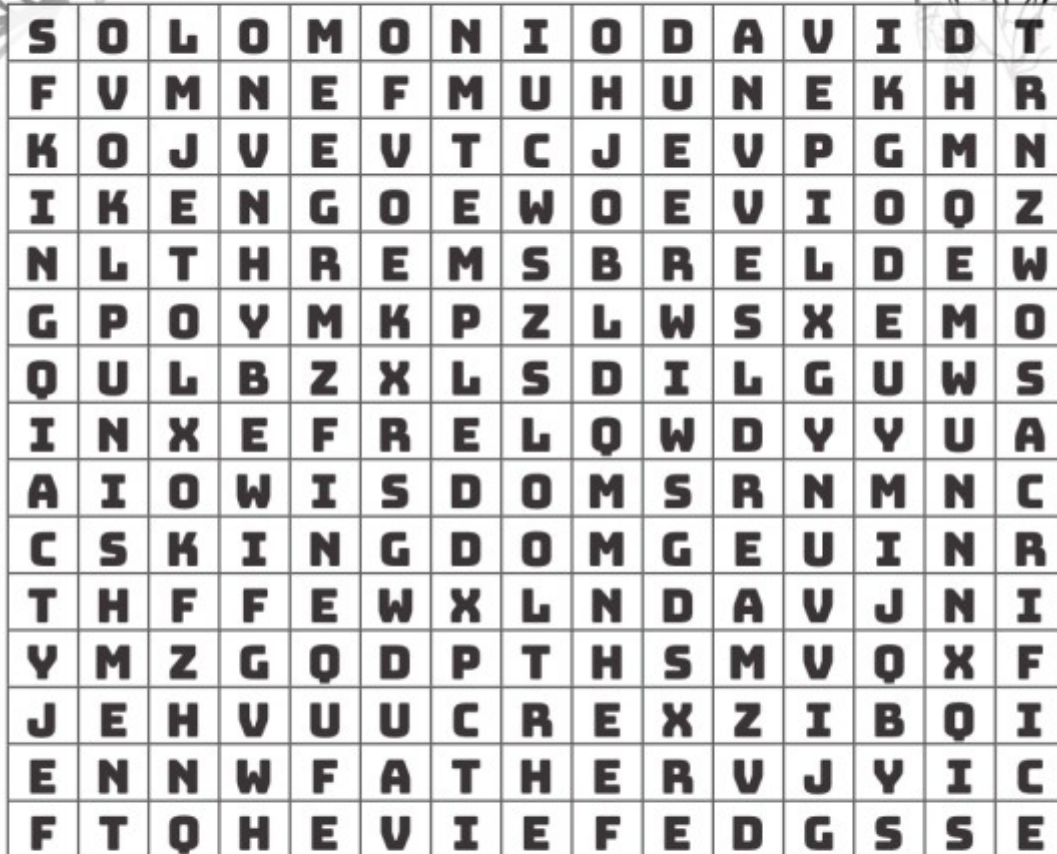
ORGAN POSTLUDE

NOTICES

- **Welcome to today's worship!** Please note that, as a measure to stem Covid-19 infection rates, 3G rules now also apply for indoor worship. If you have not already done so, please show your vaccination pass or immunisation certificate on entering church, otherwise you need a negative Covid test result (no older than 48 hours).
 - » **Children and school pupils** do not need to produce any such documents, since they are tested regularly at school and therefore count as tested.
 - » **Masks** may be removed once seated, but should be worn for *congregational* singing in order to avoid all risk of aerosol infection. The choir singers will, as always, keep extra distance (3-4 metres) as an alternative precaution.
 - » **Physical distancing** is no longer compulsory, but still advisable. This means: feel free to sit together with others from your family/household, but you may prefer to observe 1.5 metres distance otherwise.
 - » Our worship will be **streamed live** on our website (www.ecc-bochum.de) for those who prefer not to attend in person or are unable to do so. A link for the livestream is on the website. *A warm welcome to all virtual worshippers!*
- **Music in worship:** The *ECC Choir* is always happy to welcome new singers to rehearsals every Wednesday at 6 p.m. (18:00 hrs). More details from choir director Hendrik Ziser. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah is looking for anyone who would like to sing *African-style choruses* for worship, especially in preparation for this year's Harvest Thanks celebration. Please ask Pastor Emmanuel for fuller information.
- **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)
- **Prayer** This week the ecumenical family, through the World Council of Churches, prays with and for the peoples of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/argentina-paraguay-uruguay>
- **Online worship resources** by various churches, including Daily Devotional (UCC), Sanctuary First (Church of Scotland), Prayer Matters (International Presbytery) and more, can be accessed from our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- Please note that, due to Covid prevention measures in place, there is no offering during worship. There will be an **offering basket** as you leave church, however. Please give generously to support the ongoing work of our congregation.

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Today we discuss WISDOM. The perfect example of a wise King in the Bible is King Solomon. Children can easily identify with King Solomon's stories. Let the children enjoy the puzzle above to the glory of God.

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