



PRELUDE

Shall we accept good from God and not trouble? (Job 2: 10a)

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

- [L] Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude
to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For the tables we share and the bread we partake of
within our communities, within our families, and within our homes;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us
and the grace we have received;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For Your continual provision in our lives;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For the embrace of love;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day,
echoing through the night;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [L] For the new life that beats within us now;
[ALL] ***The Lord be praised.***
- [ALL] ***In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation's song,
Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!***

HYMN Now thank we all our God CH 180

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son and Him who reigns with them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;
For as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

What mighty praise belongs to you, O God, for your acts of love and faithfulness toward us! In your mercy you hear our prayers, you forgive our sins, you provide for our needs. From one end of the earth to the other, you inspire worship and praise! Even nature celebrates your goodness. We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for your mercy and your faithful love toward us. Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving. Through the power of your Holy Spirit make your presence known among us that we may hear your Word and know your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

May we share the peace with one another – Peace be with you – And also with you!!

CHILDREN'S TIME Colour the picture and answer the questions on the extra page.

SCRIPTURE READING Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10

1 In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

2 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

³ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

⁴ “Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵ But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

⁶ The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.”

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

⁹ His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!”

¹⁰ He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

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

HYMN *In Heavenly Love Abiding* (Church Hymnary 551) [Tune: Ellacombe 367]

- 1 In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear
And safe is such confiding for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me and can I be dismayed?
- 2 Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back,
My shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh and I will walk with Him.
- 3 Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen,
Bright skies will soon be o'er me where darkest clouds have been
My hope I cannot measure, my path in life is free,
My Father has my treasure and He will walk with me.

REFLECTION TROUBLED BUT NOT DESTROYED (Revd Emmanuel Mote Ndasah)

KEYBOARD INTERLUDE

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 *A Safe Stronghold our God is still...* (Church Hymnary 454)

- 1 A safe stronghold our God is still, a trusty shield and weapon;
he'll keep us clear from all the ill that hath us now o'ertaken.
The ancient prince of hell hath risen with purpose fell;
strong mail of craft and power he weareth in this hour;
on earth is not his fellow.
- 3 And were this world all devils o'er, and watching to devour us,
we lay it not to heart so sore; they cannot overpower us.
And let the prince of ill look grim as e'er he will,
he harms us not a whit; for why? his doom is writ;
a word shall quickly slay him.
- 4 God's word, for all their craft and force, one moment will not linger,
but, spite of hell, shall have its course; 'tis written by his finger.
And though they take our life, goods, honour, children, wife,
yet is their profit small; these things shall vanish all:
the city of God remaineth.

BLESSING

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God flow from your hear

And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us
all.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

COLOURING PICTURE



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QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN

How many people can we see in the picture?

Are they all men or all women?

Do they look happy?

What do you think the man is doing? And how about the woman?!

NOTICES

- ▶▶ **Welcome to today's worship!** Please note that 3G rules apply for indoor worship. If you haven't already done so, please show your vaccination or immunization pass on entering church, or a negative Covid test result (no older than 48 hours).
 - **Children and school pupils** do not need to produce any such documents, since regular tests are now carried out at all schools, and these are sufficient.
 - **Masks** may be removed once you are seated, but you should wear your mask for congregational singing in order to avoid all risk of aerosol infection.
 - **Physical distancing** is no longer compulsory, but still advisable. Sit with others from your family/household, but you may prefer 1.5 metres distance otherwise.
 - Our worship will be **streamed live** on our website (www.ecc-bochum.de) for all who can't or prefer not to attend in person. Welcome to all virtual worshippers!
- ▶▶ **Music in worship:** The ECC Choir is happy to welcome new singers to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (18:00 hrs). Ask Hendrik Ziser. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah is looking for anyone who would like to sing African-style choruses for worship.
- ▶▶ **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)
- ▶▶ **Christian Discipline** (Prayer, Study, Simplicity, Service, Celebration) is the theme of a 5-week Bible study series at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings from 8 November to 6 December in the Kirchencafé. Zoom participation is also possible.
- ▶▶ You are invited to **So betet Bochum: Religiöse Vielfalt erkunden** [Bochum at Prayer: Exploring religious diversity] on Wednesday 20 October from 6 p.m. at Rottstraße. 5. The event, organized by the Intercultural Theology Department of the RUB, involves Yazidi, Muslim, and African Christian faith communities.
- ▶▶ **Ecumenical Prayer:** This week the ecumenical family, through the World Council of Churches, prays with and for the peoples of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/colombia-ecuador-venezuela>
- ▶▶ **Online worship resources** such as 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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