

English-speaking Christian Congregation, Bochum

17 October 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.
(Mark 10:45)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES (verses from Psalm 104)

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul!

All: ***O LORD, my God, how great you are!
You are clothed with majesty and glory;
you cover yourself with light.***

Leader: You have spread out the heavens like a tent
and built your home on the waters above.

All: ***You use the clouds as your chariot
and ride on the wings of the wind.***

Leader: You use the winds as your messengers

All: ***and flashes of lightning as your servants.***

Leader: You have set the earth firmly on its foundations,
and it will never be moved.

All: ***You placed the ocean over it like a robe,
and the waters covered the mountains.***

Leader: LORD, you have made so many things!

All: ***How wisely you made them all!
The earth is filled with your creatures.***

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul!

All: ***Praise the LORD!***

HYMN 154 *O Lord my God! (How great thou art!)* [words on insert]

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*You are welcome in the name of the Lord!
You are welcome in the name of the Lord!
I can see in you the glory of the Lord;
you are welcome in the name of the Lord!*

SCRIPTURE READING Job 38:1-7, 34-41 (GNB Old Testament, page 529)

Then out of the storm the Lord spoke to Job.

² Who are you to question my wisdom
with your ignorant, empty words?

³ Now stand up straight
and answer the questions I ask you.

⁴ Were you there when I made the world?
If you know so much, tell me about it.

⁵ Who decided how large it would be?
Who stretched the measuring line over it?
Do you know all the answers?

⁶ What holds up the pillars that support the earth?
Who laid the cornerstone of the world?

⁷ In the dawn of that day the stars sang together,
and the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

³⁴ Can you shout orders to the clouds
and make them drench you with rain?

³⁵ And if you command the lightning to flash,
will it come to you and say, "At your service"?

³⁶ Who tells the ibis when the Nile will flood,
or who tells the rooster that rain will fall?

³⁷ Who is wise enough to count the clouds
and tilt them over to pour out the rain,

³⁸ rain that hardens the dust into lumps?

³⁹ Do you find food for lions to eat,
and satisfy hungry young lions

⁴⁰ when they hide in their caves,
or lie in wait in their dens?

⁴¹ Who is it that feeds the ravens
when they wander about hungry,
when their young cry to me for food?

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN 143 *Who put the colours in the rainbow?* [words on insert]

SERMON "Downtrodden and uplifted" (Rev. James Brown)

HYMN 132 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* [words on insert]

NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Response: Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

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 404 *I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)* [words on insert]

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: Send us out with questions.

All: ***Send us out with courage.***

Leader: Send us out on a journey.

All: ***Send us out with hope.***

Leader: Send us out to wonder.

All: ***Send us out to share kindness.***

Leader: Send us out to do justice.

All: ***Send us out to love.***

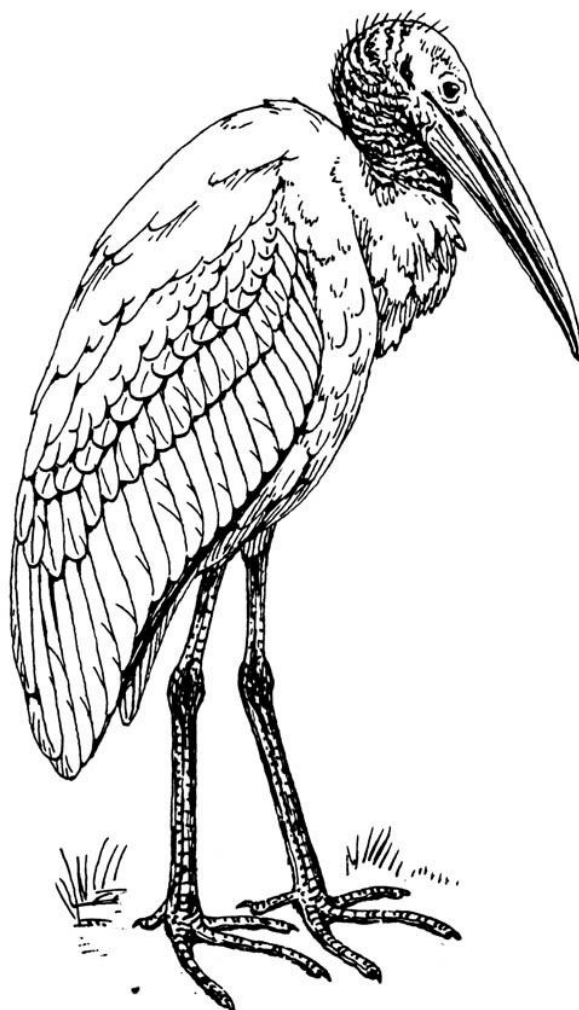
BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Colour this picture of an ibis.

Source: <http://www.edupics.com>

Who tells the ibis when the Nile will flood?
(Job 38:36)



NOTICES

►► **Welcome to today's English-language worship!**

- **3G rules apply**, so please show your vaccination or immunisation pass as you enter church, or a negative Covid test result (no older than 48 hours).
 - **Children and school pupils** count as (and mostly are) already tested.
 - Feel free to **sit where you wish**, observing 1.5 metres distance if you prefer.
 - You may remove your **mask** once seated, but should wear it when singing.
 - A warm welcome too to all **virtual worshippers** on the livestream.
 - The **offering** will be gathered as you leave church. Please give generously.
- The **Kirchencafé** is open after worship for tea and coffee. Please help afterwards by clearing away cups and plates, washing dishes and tidying up. Thank-you!
- This week's **World Council of Churches** prayer cycle focuses on Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/belize-guatemala-honduras-mexico>
- Lübeck Pfarrer Berndt Schwarze will be reading (in German) from his crime novel **Mein Wille geschehe** about a pastor who turns into a powerful preacher after he commits murder: Monday 18 October at 18:00 hrs in the Pauluskirche (3G rules).
- **So betet Bochum: Religiöse Vielfalt erkunden** [Bochum at Prayer: Exploring religious diversity] on Wednesday 20 October from 6 p.m. at Rottstraße. 5. This RUB Intercultural Theology event features Yazidi, Muslim, and Christian faiths.
- **Music in worship:** The *ECC Choir* welcomes new singers to rehearsals every Wednesday at 6 p.m. (18:00 hrs). Ask Hendrik Ziser. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah is looking for anyone who would like to practise *African-style choruses* for worship.
- **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/>
- **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 a 5-week Bible study series at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings from 8 November to 6 December in the Kirchencafé. Zoom option: ID = 882 1296 9022; Passcode = 051157.
- There will be an **offering basket** as you leave church. Please give generously to support the ongoing work of our congregation. For bank transfer donations:

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