Watchword for the Week

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward for what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 3:13,14)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2022)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 126)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Hymn 405 We sing the praise of him who died

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like light dappling through the leaves of a tree and wind stirring its branches, like birdsong sounding from the heights of an orchard And the scent of blossom after rainfall, so you dapple and sound in the human soul, so you stir into motion all that lives. Let your graces of healing flow, For my soul is wounded and there is brokenness in my life.

Let your graces of healing flow, dear God, For those whom I love are in need And there are agonies in the life of the world. There are agonies in the life of the world, O my soul,

And those whom I love are in pain.

Sisters and brothers: Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life ... and salvation.

Amen.

Hymn 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21 *OT p. 707*John 12:1-8 *NT p. 134*

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 662 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

SERMON Rev. Dr. Anja Stuckenberger

Hymn 347 Unless a single grain of wheat

The APOSTLES' CREED Hymn 628

PRAYERS for OTHERS

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE and WORDS of INSTITUTION

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The LORD'S PRAYER Hymn 652 Second Form (b) (Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Jesus, Lamb of God, *have mercy on us.*Jesus, bearer of our sins, *have mercy on us.*Jesus, redeemer of the world, *grant us peace.*

COMMUNION

Please come forward to share, in a circle of 10-15 persons; if needed, two settings.

The following hymn will be sung throughout communion:

Hymn 805 Your will be done on earth, O Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(see Notices overleaf)

The offering follows the announcements. Please, come forward with your gifts while a prayer of thanksgiving is spoken.

Hymn 803

We will walk with God

BLESSING

As we have met, so we part—
yet the glory of God which we gathered to praise
does not cease,

and the grace of Christ we recognise among us remains always, and

the Spirit's leading we discern in our fellowship continues to guide us.

May the Lord bless you and keep you ... and give you peace.

Threefold Amen (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- > All are welcome in this place. It's good you're here! To receive details of upcoming events, feel free to share your name and address with today's duty elder or minister.
- > Today's worship team:

Dirk Erlenkämper Duty elder: Reader: Henrike Macheit Organist: Hendrik Ziser

- > Next Sunday is Palm Sunday! Additional worship services during Holy Week will take place on Maundy Thursday (14 April) at 19:30, and Good Friday (15 April) at 12:30.
- > The **offering basket** is the congregation's main source of income. Last week's offering totalled € 188,80. Please give generously.
- ➤ The WCC Ecumenical Praver Cycle this week focuses on the Balkans—Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia. Slovenia. Link to info: www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Ecumenical Prayers for Peace are still being held every Friday at 12:00 p.m. in the Pauluskirche. Learn more at https://kg-bochum.ekvw.de/
- > The **Kirchencafé** will be open until 3 o'clock for tea, coffee, and fellowship. Please follow 2G rules and distancing, and help tidy up afterwards! Thank you!
- The Weltladen Pauluskirche looking for volunteers! Please contact Rev. James Brown at j.brown56(at)qmx.de
- > Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus" "On entering, peace – on departure, blessing" (Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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