#### Watchword for the Week

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Jesus is not here but has risen.

(Luke 24:5)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2022)

#### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

... Lord God, open our ears to hear afresh the story of Easter. Open our minds to understand your sacrificial love. Open our hearts to know your forgiveness; open our lips to sing your praises. Open our lives to the wonder and joy of Easter.

Jesus Christ, we greet you! Your hands still have holes in them. Your feet are wet from the dew; and with the memory of our names undimmed by three days of death. You meet us risen from the grave!

We fail to understand how; we puzzle at the reason why.

But you have come: not to answer our questions, but to show us your face. You are alive, and the world can rejoice again. Hallelujah! Amen.

**Hymn 111** 

Holy, holy, holy

CALL to CONFESSION

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb. **Still we look for the living among the dead.** 

You sent messengers to proclaim the Gospel. **Still we look for the living among the dead.** 

You were faithful to your promise; You have done wonderful things! Still we look for the living among the dead.

Forgive us daily, Lord, the sins which crucify you anew. Forgive the hatred of the crowd which chose Barabbas, and the hate so often lying deep in our hearts.

## May we stop looking for the living among the dead.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promises and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE of PARDON

... So we ask him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.* 

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**Hymn 512** To God be the glory

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 47:1-12 *OT p. 852* 

John 2:13-22 *NT p. 118* 

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

Hymn 419 Thine be the glory

SERMON "Nothing but the blood of Jesus" Pastor Bayisabe Ernest

**Hymn 132,** 1+2+4 *Immortal, invisible* 

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see Notices overleaf)

(Offerings are brought forward as the organ plays Hymn 448,)

PRAYER of INTERCESSION

Response: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn* 652 Second Form (b) (Please pray in your own 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 556**, 1+2+4 *I need thee every hour* 

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** 

## Notices

> All are welcome in this place. It's good you're here! As a sign for our Christian care and concern for each other, we ask everyone present to follow the 3G rules and to keep mouth and nose covered with a mask, including during hymns.

### > Today's worship team:

Pastor Ernest Bayisabe Preacher:

Lituraust: Pastor Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah

**Duty Elder:** Herold Dehling Mary Otto Reader: Hendrik Ziser Organist:

- > The offering basket during the service is the congregation's main source of income. Good Friday's offering totalled € 87.20. Please give generously.
- > The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on Belarus. Moldova. Russia. Ukraine.

Link to info: www.ecc-bochum.de

- > Ecumenical Pravers 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 3G rules and distancing, and help tidy up afterwards. Thank you!
- We are always looking for a diversity of voices to read the Bible in church during Sunday worship. Please speak to Mary Otto (today's reader) to sign up for a date to read!
- > Please switch all mobile **phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.









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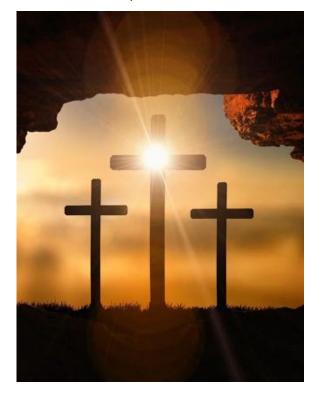
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# Easter Sunday

"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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