

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
(John 20:21)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2022)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

... Come, with doubts or faith, come as you are,
you are welcome here. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!
Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**Let everything with life
and breadth praise God!**

Hymn 124 *Praise to the Lord*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

... When we keep our fears and faults locked up
inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive
new life. So let us open ourselves to God in
confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us
peace.

**God of the empty tomb
and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak
our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive
and to love again,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.
When we are afraid to stand up
to misguided authority,
join with the weak to make us all strong.
When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands
and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts
and fears,
pass through our barricades,
open our hearts
and give us PEACE.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE of PARDON

... As God's own forgiven people, go to bring
peace, forgiveness and new life into the world.
Receive the grace of forgiveness in the name of
the same Christ our Lord, AMEN.

**Blessed be the Rock
on which I stand
and the fortress in which I find protection.
Amen.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 516 *We are marching*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Revelation 1:4-8 *NT p. 309*

John 20:19-31 *NT p. 145*

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

Hymn 185 *Come, children, join and sing*

SERMON "Behind closed doors"
Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah

Hymn 160, 1,3,5 *Praise, my soul*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(see Notices overleaf)*

Hymn 788 *Know that God is good
(Offerings are brought forward.)*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

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 641 *Seek ye first the kingdom*

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:**

Minister: Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah
Duty Elder: Eric Chinasa Obimdi
Reader: Stuart Milne
Organist: Hendrik Ziser

➤ The **offering basket** is the congregation's main source of income. Last week's offering totalled € 164,00. **Please give generously.**

➤ The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia.**
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** is still looking for volunteers. Please contact Rev. James Brown at [j.brown56\(at\)gmx.de](mailto:j.brown56(at)gmx.de)

➤ On May 1, the Sunday Service will be led by guest preacher Rev. Birgit Weinbrenner.

➤ Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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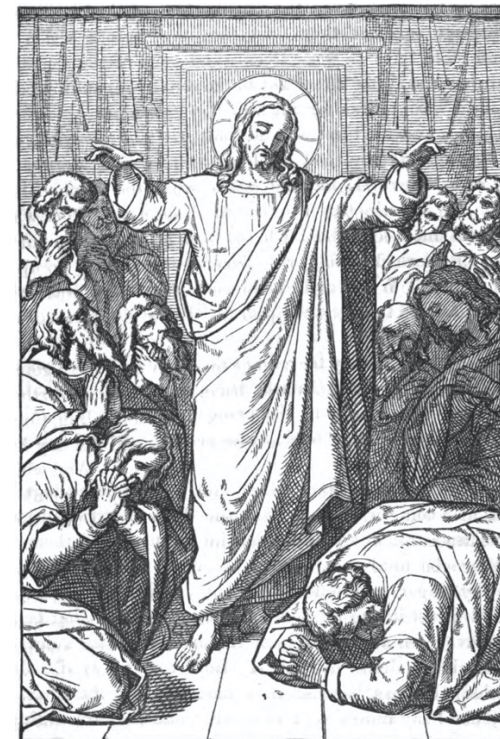
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2nd Sunday of Easter

"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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