

NOTICES

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you are 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 guest preacher is Rev. Beate Heßler (möwe – Amt für Mission, Ökumene und kirchliche Weltverantwortung, Evangelische Kirche von Westfalen).
- Today's worship team:

Minister: Rev. Beate Heßler
Duty Elder: Herold Dehling
Reader: Heinrich Ohlendorf
Organist: Hendrik Ziser

- The offering basket is the congregation's main source of income. Last Sunday's offering totalled 102,20 EUR. **Please give generously.**
- The **Kirchencafé** will be open until 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and continued fellowship. Please follow 2G rules, and help tidy up afterwards. Thank you!
- **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 WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Bangladesch, Bhutan and Nepal.**

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Bochum, Germany

15 May 2022

5th Sunday of Easter 2022

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

Worship every Sunday at 12:30
Ecumenical – International – English-Language

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." *Revelation 21:6*

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

In a world of us and them

God invites us to embrace

In a Church too often characterised by division

Christ invites us to embrace

In our lives, full of petty grudges and neglected relationships

The Spirit invites us to embrace

So come all you who yearn for deeper living

Come and enter into Heaven's embrace this hour

Hymn 519

Love divine, all loves excelling

PRAYER of CONFESSION

In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,*

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name.

Amen

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Sisters and brothers,

all have fallen short of the glory of God;

therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus,

in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 359

He came down that we may have love

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21: 1-6

NT, p. 326

John 13, 31-35

NT, p. 137

The Word of God: *Thanks be to God*

Hymn 739

The Church's one foundation

SERMON

"God will wipe every tear from their eyes"

Rev. Beate Heßler

Hymn 691

Be still my soul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Recital

(Please bring your offering forward to the basket)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

The LORD'S PRAYER

*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 577

Christ be beside me

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen*

ORGAN POSTLUDE