

## Texts of the devotions on May 2, 2021 (“Cantate”)

**Music** (Trombone choir)

EG 302: Du meine Seele, singe (*O, sing, my soul*)

**Text for the sermon** (Luke 19: 37-40; read by Regina Baguette)

<sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup>“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+19%3A+37-40&version=NIV>

**Music** (Trombone choir)

EG 317: Lobe den Herren (*Praise the Lord*)

**Sermon** (Predicant Michael Basmer)

The mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the community with the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he does wonders.

With this week’s quote from the 98<sup>th</sup> psalm I greet you, dear sisters and brothers, on today’s Sunday of song, ‘Cantate’.

I wish that today we could praise the Lord together in our churches and communities, and intone the most beautiful songs of praise to honour him.

Unfortunately, this is not yet possible at the moment. But at home with our families we can do that – praise the Lord and sing to him. And our small team here would like to bring some of the buoyancy of praise in word, song and play into your homes and hearts. Praising and thanking release forces that awaken new courage and joy in us. It is those feelings that we have need of in these times of deprivation.

The crowd of Jesus’ disciples, they praised God joyfully in loud voices. Unmistakable praise resounded. For some this was startling, as we heard. For the disciples, it was a matter of the heart, for they had experienced many things with their Master. Water was turned into wine, the sick were healed, the dead were raised, and thousands of people were fed with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes, and much more. That made them praise the Lord. What will it have been like? I can hardly imagine the disciples sitting in some corner and mumbling like this: *Praise be to him who comes, the King, in the name of the Lord!* No, they will rather have stood there right in the middle of the throng, and they will have shouted loudly and with unmistakable joy: ***Praise be to him who comes, the King, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!\****

Dear sisters and brothers, we should not cause a sensation with our belief, but as Christians let us be heard and visible in this part of town, and let us remain so. As Christ’s community it is our mission to spread, in word and deed in the love of our neighbours, the message of God’s love in Jesus Christ. We all have at least one reason for praising God in common, no matter if we are deeply religious or not so religious, pious or not so pious, or if we have some doubts. And this common reason, which repeats itself about 12 to 18 times a minute, is mentioned in the 150<sup>th</sup> psalm. There it says, ***All that has breath, praise the Lord! Hallelujah!\****

If we as human beings do not do that, but remain silent about God’s work, then the creation will shout and call out to him who made it.

In psalm 98, which stands for today's Sunday 'Cantate', it is described beautifully. First we as humans are mentioned, then the psalmist lets water and stones come alive. *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the LORD, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.\*\**

The Lord bless you and keep you and your families in the name of Jesus, Amen!

\* <https://www.deepl.com/translator>

\*\*<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+98&version=NIV>

## **Music** (Heribert Kolosko, guitar and vocals)

*Chorus:*

Praise, worship, glory and honour be to you for ever and ever!

Praise and rejoicing to your name, King of Glory!

Mighty are you who rules the universe,  
With a mighty hand you guide the destinies of nations.  
Heaven and earth and sea tremble before you.  
All that lives must say: You are Lord!

*Chorus*

Holy are you, enthroned on high,  
Dwelling among the praise of the angelic host.  
Who presumes to stand by eternal fire?  
Who can see the Lord in his beauty?

*Chorus*

You are love, strong and eternal  
And overflowing on him who grieves thee;  
Love divine, that gives itself in death,  
That woos us and loves us home!

*Chorus*

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

Vater unser im Himmel.	Our Father in heaven.
Geheiligt werde dein Name.	Hallowed be your name.
Dein Reich komme.	Your kingdom come.
Dein Wille geschehe,	Your will be done,
wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.	as in heaven, so on earth.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.	Give us today our daily bread.
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,	And forgive us our sins,
wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.	as we forgive those who sin against us.
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,	Lead us not into temptation,
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.	but deliver us from evil.
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft	For the kingdom, the power
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.	and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.	Amen.