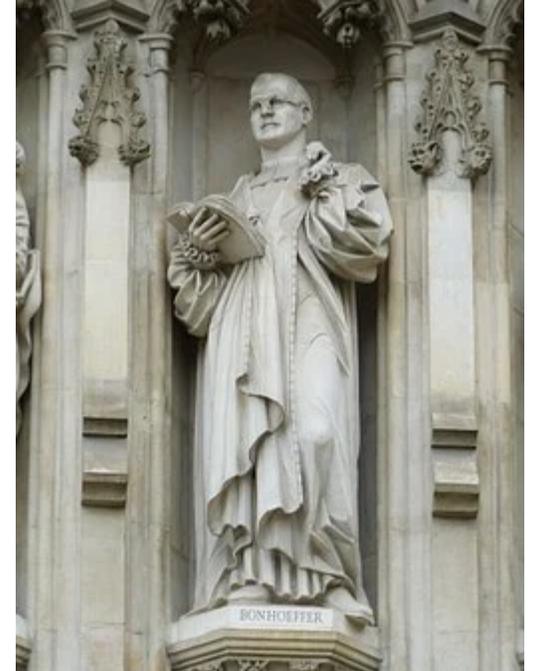


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Gebet für Mitgefängene  
Music: Miriam Kuellmer-  
Vogt

Song „Prayer for the Prisoners“

(Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer/Fabian Vogt, Music: Miriam Küllmer-Vogt,  
Translation: Miriam Küllmer-Vogt)

In me, there is darkness, but light is in Thee.  
I am lonely, but you do not leave me.  
I am fainthearted, but help is in Thee.  
I am restless, but your peace is with me.

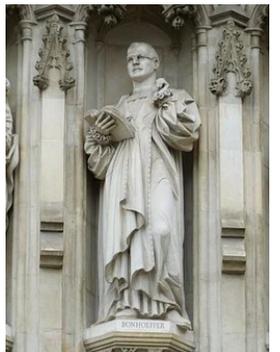
I don't see where you're leading me.  
But you know the way for me.  
The righteous way

O God, give me faith, that saves me from despair.  
And give me hope, that frees me from fear.  
Give me love, 'cause bitterness makes me ill.  
Show me Christ and how to do His will.

I don't see where you're leading me.  
But you know the way for me.  
The righteous way

This, my body, this, my soul, I commend into your hands.  
All my dear ones, all my loved ones I commend into your hands.  
If I live or if I die, I'm with Thee.  
If I live or if I die, Thou are with me.

I don't see where you're leading me.  
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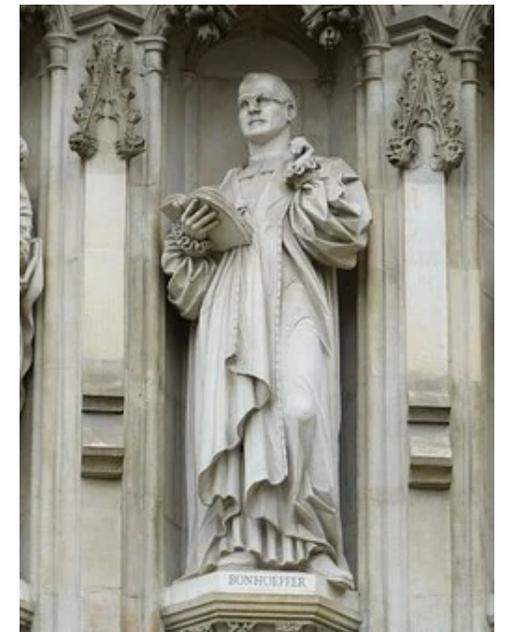
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Thank you for being with us tonight to commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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The Event will be held via ZOOM  
<https://zoom.us/j/340535292> Meeting ID: 340 535 292

On April 9<sup>th</sup> 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was murdered by the Nazis in Flossenbürg concentration camp. 75 years later we – the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Centre London and the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church – wish to commemorate Bonhoeffer’s death through an event that, due to the current circumstances, will be streamed online. We also hope to record the contributions and make them available on our website.

The event will include a short formal commemoration and a series of short contributions by people who through their life and work have shown a particular relationship to Bonhoeffer.

***We would like to invite you to participate in the live event and talk about your relationship to Bonhoeffer’s life and work for no longer than 5 minutes. It would be wonderful if, in your contribution, you were able to draw on a short piece of writing by Bonhoeffer.***

We know this invitation comes at very short notice. Originally, we had planned an event at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church in Sydenham/London but due to the Covid-19 crisis had to cancel that gathering. Yet we hope that, by organising an **online** event in the **evening** at 10pm (BST) to remember Bonhoeffer, 75 years after his murder, we can attract a large number of participants from all over the world. We hope you agree that such an event is worth organising and will be able to join us, hopefully with a contribution.

You will find the Zoom link and meeting ID above.

Please contact [rappbernd72@gmail.com](mailto:rappbernd72@gmail.com)  
Tel: 0044 20 7794 4173

Rueckmeldungen:

Ken Walker – Contribution  
Keith Clements – Contribution  
Diane Rayson – Contribution  
Jacob Philips – Contribution  
Frank-Dieter Fischbach – Contribution (EKD)  
Clifford Green - Contribution

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11 00 pm Networking via chat function of zoom, thanks to team and contributors, invitation to Bonhoeffer Day 2021  
11.05 pm Music 3 (BR)

9.45 pm Share screen – make sure you can share audio  
10.00 pm Stop Music on PP – stop screen sharing

A warm welcome to you all, near and far, from overseas and many different countries of the world.

It's great to have you with us today to commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer 75 years after his death!

My name is Bernd Rapp and I am one of Bonhoeffer's successors as a Minister of the German Speaking Congregations here in London.

I welcome you on behalf of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Centre London, which was originally opened as the Bonhoeffer Study Centre on 30 March 1980 and relaunched in 2013 to study and promote Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life and writings.

We have facilitated several Bonhoeffer Days around Bonhoeffer's birthday in February and welcomed highly valued speakers about Bonhoeffer from very different angles.

We had planned a commemoration service for tonight here in London at the Bonhoeffer church, but due to the pandemic we cancelled the original plan.

Instead we are holding this Zoom meeting tonight, and I guess we've attracted several more people than we would have expected to participate tonight in the church.

Again, it's great to welcome you all!

Immo Huneke is the co-host of this meeting, he is responsible for ensuring that everyone except the contributors are muted. If you don't wish to be seen, please turn off your camera yourself.

The music comes from Miriam Küllmer-Vogt. Some of us had the pleasure of seeing her performing her one-woman play “Bonhoeffer’s Great Love” earlier this year here in London. Her website will be displayed at the end of the meeting.

Let me show you an outline of tonight’s event!

### ***Share screen – PP 2***

It’s great to welcome tonight especially six people who will read out some of Bonhoeffer’s own writings and who will talk about their relationship to Bonhoeffer’s life and work.

The speakers of tonight’s event are:

- Our friend **Ken Walker**, a recently retired Methodist minister and Bonhoeffer enthusiast
- Rev. **Dr. Keith Clements**, one of the leading British Bonhoeffer experts and a well known author and writer about Bonhoeffer. Ordained as a Baptist minister, he followed a career in pastoral, academic and ecumenical work concluding as General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches, Geneva, from 1997 – 2005
- We welcome **Frank-Dieter Fischbach**, who tonight is representing the Protestant, or as we call it, the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD). At the moment he is Regional Secretary for Ministries Abroad with responsibility for Northern and Western Europe at the Evangelical Church in Germany and he is also heavily involved in the “Meissen-Commission” between the EKD and the Church of England
- **Clifford J. Green** is professor emeritus of theology, Hartford Seminary, Connecticut, and author of numerous works on Bonhoeffer. He is the executive director of the *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works*
- **Dr. Dianne Rayson’s** research has centred on the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and especially its relevance to contemporary social issues. She is based in Newcastle, New South Wales in Australia. It’s very early in the morning down there and you are already celebrating Good Friday...
- And **Jacob Philips** is a long-standing contributor to the Bonhoeffer Centre and a dear friend and in many ways deeply involved in the research about Bonhoeffer today. He is

director of the Institute of Theology of St. Mary's University Twickenham. He completed his PhD at King's College on Human Subjectivity in the Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

We welcome your comments or even questions via the chat button, but we won't enter into a lengthy discussion. This evening is to commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer and to reflect on his legacy fairly silently.

### ***Stop sharing screen***

It was in the early hours of the 9<sup>th</sup> April in Flossenbürg. Bonhoeffer and six others were cruelly put to death on the orders of Hitler himself. Only weeks before the war was officially ended. There is no grave to visit. Bonhoeffer's ashes were simply scattered.

### ***(Lighting of the candle)***

Today, we light a candle to commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

And this simple light stands not only for Dietrich Bonhoeffer, but for all the others who suffered and still continue to suffer today under unjust and cruel circumstances and governments. It stands as a symbol of hope that all the sacrifices are not in vain and that God's love prevails despite all adversities.

Let us keep a moment of silence!

### **Matthew 10, 26-31**

*<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart*

*from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

These words from Matthew Chapter 10 along with other lines were read out by Julius Rieger at the memorial service for Dietrich Bonhoeffer, held on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1945 in Holy Trinity Church, Kingsway, Central London by George Bell, Franz Hildebrand and Julius Rieger.

Let us pray with words from the opening prayer by Julius Rieger from that day:

“We are gathered here in the presence of God, to make thankful remembrance of the life and work of his servant Dietrich Bonhoeffer who – together with his brother Klaus Bonhoeffer – gave his life in faith and obedience to his holy word, to thank God for his gifts which were his by God’s grace, for his use of those gifts in the service of the universal church, and for his courage, wisdom and friendship which have strengthened and guided so many in the following of Christ.” AMEN

We can now hear contributions from Ken Walker, Keith Clements and Frank-Dieter Fischbach...

***(speakers)***

***Music – share screen – then stop music per click – then stop sharing!***

We will now hear contributions by Clifford Green, Diane Rayson and Jacob Philips...

***(speakers)***

***(after that prepare PP for last slide!)***

Thank you so much for all these moving contributions and very personal insights into Bonhoeffer and his legacy today!

We felt that it was our duty and honour to commemorate Dietrich Bonhoeffer today and we are glad that so many of you from all over the world joined in.

We recorded this Zoom session and we'll make it available on our church website and via the Facebook page of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Centre London. We thank Miriam Küllmer-Vogt for kindly providing us with her music and texts and encourage you to invite her especially with her Bonhoeffer play *Bonhoeffer's Great Love!*

Let us close this evening – and for some of us already: let us start this Good Friday by praying again in Bonhoeffer's own words:

O heavenly Father,

I praise and thank thee for the peace of the night.

I praise and thank thee for this new day.

I praise and thank thee for all thy goodness and faithfulness throughout my life.

Thou hast granted me many blessings: Now let me accept tribulation from thy hand.

Thou wilt not lay on me more than I can bear.

Thou makest all things work together for good for thy children.

And the blessing of our Lord almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost remain with you always. AMEN

Thank you very much for your participation and patience, we welcome your feedback via the chat and we will try to publish this commemoration as soon as possible via Facebook and our home page! And now please enjoy the music of Miriam Küllmer-Vogt...

***Share Screen – last page – start music!***

## Chat Record

From Di Rayson to Everyone: (09:53 pm)

Hi everyone :)

From Immo Huneke to Everyone: (09:54 pm)

Hello to you too. Well be starting in just about 5 minutes

From Immo Huneke to Everyone: (10:04 pm)

Indeed there are currently 59 participants

From JennyandRichard to Everyone: (10:51 pm)

Thank you very much it was very moving and relevant

From Immo Huneke to Everyone: (10:51 pm)

As soon as the music ends I will unmute everyone's microphone in case you wish to talk.

From Alison Warder to Everyone: (10:52 pm)

Thank you for organising this event especially on this day at this time; much appreciation to all involved.

From girma to Everyone: (10:54 pm)

Thank you so much for this wonderful and inspiring commemoration.

From Immo Huneke to Everyone: (10:55 pm)

As you can hear, the German version of the hymn does include the verse about candles bringing light into the darkness.

From Terence Lovat to Everyone: (10:55 pm)

Thank you to all. A wonderful way to commemorate our common friend. Happy Easter. Terence Lovat

From Wenxu Zhang to Everyone: (10:58 pm)

Thank you all for this warm and beautiful meeting!!

From ISiegerist@aol.com to Everyone: (10:58 pm)

These last weeks have shown us how helpless we really are. However, let us focus on the things that we still CAN do rather than on those that we can't.

From T.S LENG to Everyone: (10:59 pm)

Thank you all for this!

From Johannes Gleede to Everyone: (11:01 pm)

Danke fuer diese wertvolle Stunde der Besinnung auf das, was wirklich Wesentlich ist

From Steve to Everyone: (11:01 pm)

Dear Bernd. Thank you so much for organising such a thought provoking and stimulating event - and also to everyone else who helped you. A shame the event planned for at the church could not go ahead - but in a way it probably reached a much larger audience. Steve

From Admin Church to Immo Huneke: (Privately) (11:02 pm)

Thanks Immo for co Hosting

From danielrapp to Everyone: (11:02 pm)

Really enjoyed it! Thank you