

A multi-genre programme in Prague

Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí), Praha 1

5th of July

- 17:45 Prague Brass Ensemble
 18:00 **Opening Ceremony of The Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus 2015** – concert of the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra Olomouc
 20:30 **„Hus until the end“** – theatre, the author of the text and music: M. Orson Štědroň, directed by A. Laštovková and SKUTR

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- 9:00 **Procession to the sculpture of Master Jan Hus** on Old Town Square with flowers – line up at Rudolfinum 8:30 a.m.
 9:45 Brass Orchestra of Oldřichovice (Dechový orchestr z Oldřichovic)
 10:00 Opening
 10:15 Domažlická Bagpipe Band (Domažlická dudácká muzika)
 11:00 Hradištan band

- 12:00 Central Army Band of the Czech Republic
 13:00 Choirs with international participants
 13:50 Arrival of the theatrical procession
 14:00 Smetana Prague Philharmonic
 15:00 Let's go – Spirituals
 16:00 Spiritual Quintet
 17:00 **Ecumenical Worship**
 18:00 **Concert for Jan Hus** – Tata Bojs, Poletíme band and others
 20:30 **Master Jan Hus Oratorio** – the author of music and lyrics R. Pachman
 22:00 **Silent procession with candles to the Vltava River**
 Experts and artists will give speeches and performances every hour.

Kalich Theatre, Jungmannova Street 9, Prague 1

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- 22:00 České nebe (Czech Heaven – play), Theatre of Jára Cimrman in Žižkov

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- 13:30 České nebe (Czech Heaven – play), Theatre of Jára Cimrman in Žižkov

Medieval market place

The Fruit Market (Ovocný trh), Prague 1

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All-day programme for families with children

- 11:00 Lucíašek – The Puppet Theatre Kozlík
 13:00 Fencing performance – Lords of Hradec
 14:00 About the small billy-goat who wandered in the world – The Puppet Theatre Kozlík
 15:00 Fencing performance – Lords of Hradec

Throughout the programme the accompanying activities will take place at the Fruit Market (Ovocný trh): handmade crafts, craft presentations, historical weapons presentation, contests, games, announcements about the results of the national art-competition, etc.

Spiritual Programs

The Bethlehem Chapel ČVUT in Prague, Bethlehem Square (Betlémské náměstí), Prague 1

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- 14:00 **„To Master Jan Hus with love“** – spiritual-cultural programme and ceremonial handing over of the bell „Master Jan Hus“ – performed by: A. Strejček, Š. Rak, Musica Bohemica, Kvintus, Prague Singers, Ensemble Inégal

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- 15:00 Traditional worship service to commemorate Jan Hus

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- 17:00 Ecumenical worship service, open air ceremonial meeting of all participants

Historical Hus

St. Nicolas Church, Old Town Square, Prague 1

The entire programme will be in Czech/English.

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- 10:00 Lecture by Prof. J. B. Lášek – The latest research on Master J. Hus
 11:00 Discussion about the book „Jan Hus“ (with its author Prof. F. Šmahel)
 12:00 Lecture by Dr. E. Stehlík – Master Jan Hus in the legions, with examples of historical flags
 13:00 Panel discussion on the topic of Master Jan Hus today, with the participation of Prof. P. Čornej and other guests

Ecumenical Hus

Salvátor Church, Salvátorská Street 1, Prague 1

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- 16:00 Exhibitions „The Reformation in different countries“ the exhibiton opening

- 20:00 An evening dedicated to the issues of racism and oppression within society

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- 9:30 Lecture by Dr. P. Morée – Reformation and Jan Hus English/German
 11:00 Panel-theological discussion with the participation of Cardinal Miloslav Vlk, Prof. Margot Kässmann (EKD) and Ing. Daniel Fajfr Czech/English/German
 15:00 Oratorio Johan Hus (Carl Loewe), Philharmonia Chor Reutlingen e. V., Betzingen choir and chamber orchestra Ebingen conducted by Martin Künstner, Germany

Contemporary Hus

Martin in the Wall Church, Martinská Street 8, Prague 1

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- 10:30 Tomas Najbrt's concert
 11:00 Lecture by Prof. J. Nechutová – Master Jan Hus and his relevance in today's society
 11:45 Opening of the exhibition „Peace“, Introduction K. Kolářová Takáčsová

- 12:30 Panel discussion on the topic of the public collection – Humanitarian help for refugees from Syria
 14:00 Reading of lyrics from Jan Hus
 15:00 Composed programme of reading texts by Jan Hus, Oboroh – music
 18:00 The projection of the documentary film „Return to Homs“ about the war in Syria (the winner of the independent Sundance Film Festival 2014)
 19:30 Discussion with photojournalist Jarmila Štuková and projection of photos depicting a refugee camp in Iraq

The Bethlehem Chapel ČVUT in Prague, Bethlehem Square (Betlémské náměstí), Prague 1

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- 14:00 Ceremonial unveiling of the artwork on the Bethlehem Chapel wall

Hussite Prague Tours

- In the footsteps of M. Jan Hus
 – Hus and Hussite Prague
 – Places connected with M. Jan Hus and the Czech Reformation

Pilgrimage programme „In the circle of churches with Master Jan Hus“

- ♦ **Bethlehem Chapel**, Czech Technical University in Prague, Bethlehem Square
- ♦ **St. Nicholas Church**, Old Town Square
- ♦ **Salvator Church**, Salvátorská Street 1
- ♦ **Church of Our Lady Before Tyn**, Old Town Square
- ♦ **Martin in the Wall Church**, Martinská Street 8
- ♦ **St. Michal Church**, V Jirchářích Street 14
- ♦ **Rotunda of the Holy Cross**, Karoliny Světlé Street

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Pilgrimage around Prague churches connected with the Czech Reformation – pilgrimage programme for children and their parents and those interested in history. For a completed passport reward go to the Fruit Market (Ovocný trh).

Closing ceremony of The Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus 2015

Municipal House, Republic Square (náměstí Republiky), Prague 1

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- 19:30 **Gala evening of The Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus 2015** – FOK Prague premiere of „The Credo of Master Jan“ by J. Krček
 – Gold coin presentation by the Czech National Bank for the 600th anniversary of Master Jan Hus

During the festivities, you can financially support Syrian refugees, driven from the homes by war, in a public collection.

The Program is subject to change.

For the programme and more information go to: www.husovskeslavnosti.cz

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The Rector of the Czech Technical University in Prague



The Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic

The Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus
5th and 6th July 2015



Husovské slavnosti
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JAN HUS

He was born in 1370 in Husinec. He studied at the University in Prague, where he also taught and later he became its rector. He preached in the Bethlehem Chapel for ten years. The Bible became the basis of his teachings and life.

Master Jan Hus is a notable personality of Czech and European history. He became a symbol of moral responsibility and the defender of the truth, for which he was ready to lay down his life.

He pointed to the moral decay of the church in the early 15th century. He led Christians so that their faith manifested in their lives in truth, love and honesty. He adopted some ideas of the English theologian John Wycliffe. He criticized the granting of indulgences and the crusades. Even if the edict came from the Pope himself but conflicted with the Bible, it was not to be obeyed.

We understand Hus' s legacy as a possibility for reconciliation and cooperation among churches and nations.



He had to leave Prague and retreated into exile at Kozí Hrádek and Krakovec castle, where he devoted himself to literary work. He is the author of many writings, in Latin and Czech, which are still a source of inspiration.

At the Council of Constance, where he was invited, Hus was condemned as a heretic. He was imprisoned, and when he refused to retract his views, he was burned at the stake on the 6th of July 1415. The ashes were thrown into the Rhine to prevent his followers from making his grave a place of pilgrimage. His immolation triggered protest in Bohemia and it inspired the Czech Reformation.

One hundred years later, Hus' ideas and legacy became an inspiration for Martin Luther and other reformers in Europe. In Bohemia it found acclaim during the establishment of the independent state represented by T. G. Masaryk.

In 1999 Pope John Paul II emphasized Hus' s moral courage and expressed deep regret over his cruel death and named him a Reformer of the Church.



We think about Jan Hus who inspires us; on the journey of faith today, in the struggle of conscience, in social solidarity with the needy and in the unity among people and nations.

Tomáš Butta
The Patriarch of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, we would like to invite you to attend „The Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus 2015“ which will take place on the 5th and 6th of July 2015 in Prague.

Although this entire year is dedicated to this significant 600th anniversary of Jan Hus, it was in the month of July when the life of this Czech religious reformer was tragically ended during the trial at the Council in Constance.

Many places in the Czech Republic and abroad will observe the anniversary of Master Jan Hus. Prague, as a rich cultural center of Europe, is a place particularly associated with the legacy of the Czech Reformer Master Jan Hus and with the „Hussite Reformation“.

In July places around the ancient historical center of Prague – the Old Town Square and the surrounding area – will have a variety of diverse spiritual, cultural and social programmes. Although we use the term „festival“, it is not a celebration of Hus' s death, which remains a tragic event, but of the living Hus.

We believe that „The Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus 2015“ will enrich us and contribute to the dignified remembrance of the living legacy of Master Jan Hus in the church and in society.



The organizers of the Commemoration Festival of Master Jan Hus want to focus primarily on his principle thoughts and formative attitudes. On their behalf, I want to invite you all to Prague to commemorate and celebrate, and this is why you have this flyer with the programme for the upcoming festivities in July.

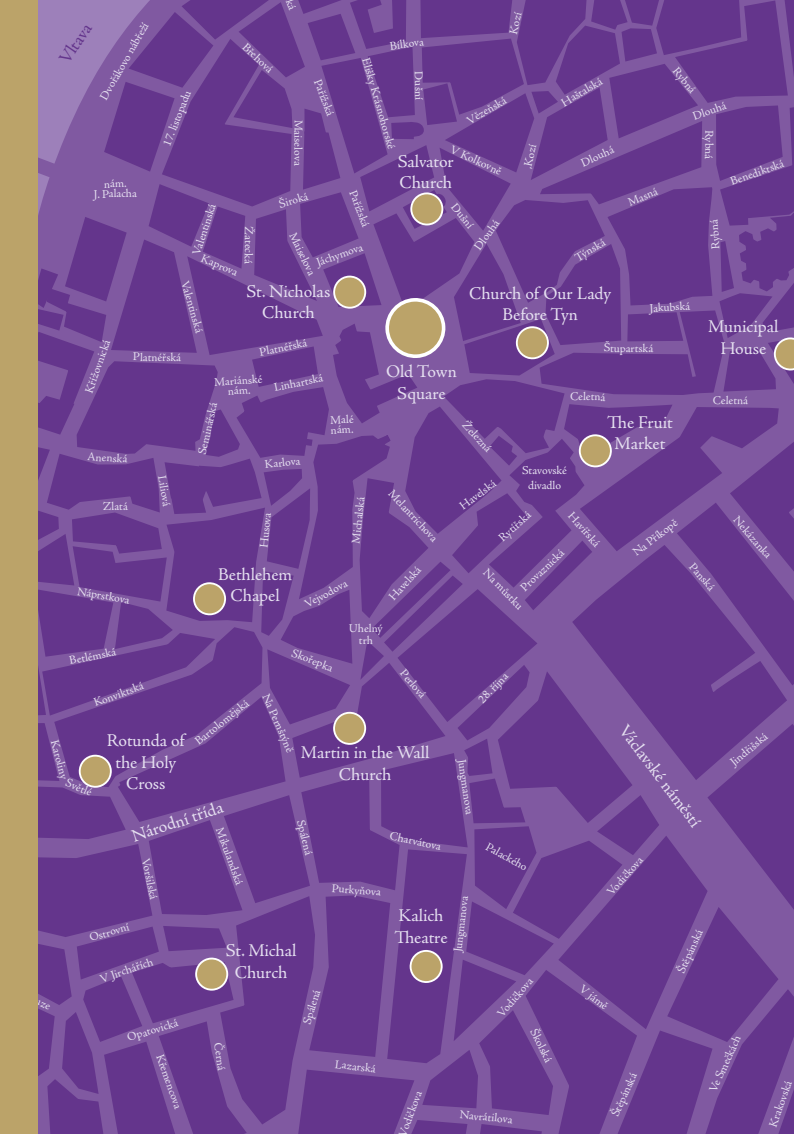
Joel Ruml
Synodal Senior of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren

It may seem that to commemorate this six hundred year old event is unnecessary and an ineffective expenditure of our energy and resources. It is true, that since the death of Master Jan Hus, many things have happened and changed. By the fact that Hus was placed in the top ten greatest Czech personalities (according to a survey by Czech Television in 2005), this confirmed, that his attitudes and principles are not so outdated and obsolete.

We invite you to Prague in July and on other dates to festivals in other regions, because you can meet Hus who:

- did not like hypocrisy and sought credibility,
- hated a lie, and rejoiced in the truth,
- refused pride and arrogance and replaced them by tolerance,
- rebelled against carelessness; who believed that is it better to be conscientious and follow the rules knew what is extravagance, but who was deeply fond of temperance and modesty,
- did not understand resignation in life only joy,
- did not know a shallow patriotism, but found joy in Czech culture,
- was not conciliary to laziness, but enjoyed creativity and knowledge,
- refused rudeness and who loved purity and morality,
- could understand errors, but was not passive in this sense, and who tried even more after making any mistake.

If you come and encounter this legacy of Master Jan Hus, you will confirm, that it is not futile to come back to it.



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