

Watchword for the Week

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. (Mark 13:26)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 80)

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock;
you who sit enthroned between the cherubim:

**Shine forth! Awaken your might;
come and save us.**

Restore us, O God; **make your face shine
upon us, that we may be saved.**

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Then we will not turn away from you;

revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; **make your face
shine upon us, that we may be saved.**

Hymn 543 *

Christ be our light!

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

(The first Advent candle is carried into church lit)

PRAYERS OF LIGHT AND CONFESSION

In the times when we tremble,
the Light is with us.

In the times when we fail to hear,
the Light is with us.

In the times when we dare not look,
the Light is with us.

In our worship, in our lives,
the Light is with us.

Today we light a candle... a candle of hope as
we enter this season of preparation and waiting.
May we prepare for the coming of the light, by
seeing the light in those around us.

**Show us your light as we prepare to
welcome you, as we dare to hope for a new
way of living and being – of living and being
as children of light.**

Lord Jesus Christ, come into our hearts as light:
Make plain what is hidden in the shadow, and
give us such joy in receiving you that we long to
be rid of all that keeps us from you.

(Silence)

For the widening gulf between
those in comfort and those who are poor,
Come Jesus, forgive us,
Come Jesus, forgive and change us.

For the carelessness that treats our world
as if there is no tomorrow,
Come Jesus, forgive us,
Come Jesus, forgive and change us.

For the suspicion of what is different
that sets human against human,
Come Jesus, forgive us,
Come Jesus, forgive and change us.

For the embarrassment at speaking out
that silences the Good News,
Come Jesus, forgive us,
Come Jesus, forgive and change us.

Hymn 556 *

I need thee every hour

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Forgiven and changed, our Lord Jesus makes
us people of the light, shining until in his glorious
presence darkness is driven away forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9

OT p. 727 (728)

St. Mark 13:24-37

NT p. 65

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 477 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*
(Hymn of the Month, November 2013)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 278

Wake, awake! For night is flying

(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**May these gifts and we who give them bring
light to those who walk in darkness, hope to
those who live in despair, and justice to
those who are oppressed. Grant to us all a
sense of participation in the task of sharing
your love with the world. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Hymn *

Count your blessings

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God has done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.*

BLESSING (G. S. and Jasmine Samuel)

**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, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 476 *

Mine eyes have seen the glory

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*"Tradition is the handing down of the
flame, not the worship of the ashes."*

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)
Austrian composer

Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Jimmimah Ujma
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organ:** Katharina Zentgraf
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 142.85.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wed. 3 Dec.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 5 Dec.: Heilsames Berühren** 6.30 pm (Prayers for healing in German; Church)
 - Fri. 5 Dec.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
- **Advent dates** – note these in your diaries!
 - Sunday, 7 December** at 12:30 hrs:
Worship with Iona-style prayers for healing.
 - Saturday, 13 December** at 18:00 hrs:
Annual ECC Sing-along Concert.
 - Sunday, 21 December** at 12:30 hrs:
Christmas Pageant (relive the Story).
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Liberia** and **Sierra Leone**. For details, follow the prayer link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Advent 1

"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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