

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Luke 21:33)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 25)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you I have trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting;

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; remember me according to
your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord,
are steadfast love and faithfulness to those
who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Hymn 273 * O come, O come, Emmanuel

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.

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT p. 770 (771)

St. Luke 21:25-36

NT p. 109 (108)

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 280

Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near
(Hymn of the Month, December 2015)

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 543 *

Christ be our light!
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**We offer these gifts, O God, in the hope that
they might help make your promises come
true. As we give these gifts, we recommit
ourselves to exploring ways to live the love
and justice of Christ's coming every day
throughout the year, and not just in this
season. Help us to live your love. Amen.**

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

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

Hymn *

God will take care of you

God will take care of you still to the end;
Oh, what a Father, Redeemer, and Friend!
Jesus will answer whenever you call;
He will take care of you: trust Him for all!

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 167 * Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Naomi Ujma
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 161.81.
- 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. 2 Dec.: ECC Choir** 6 pm (Church)
 - Fri. 4 Dec.: Joyful Singers** 7 pm (Halls)
 - Sun. 6 Dec.: Exploring Faith** 10.30 am (Halls – downstairs in the "Jugend" cellar)
- **Advent reflections** in German "Atemholen – Advent(s)Gestalten" weekdays at 4:30 pm.
- **Advent dates** – note these in your diaries!
 - Sunday, 6 December** at 12:30 hrs: Worship with Iona-style prayers for healing.
 - Saturday, 12 December** at 18:00 hrs: Annual ECC Sing-along Concert.
 - Sunday, 20 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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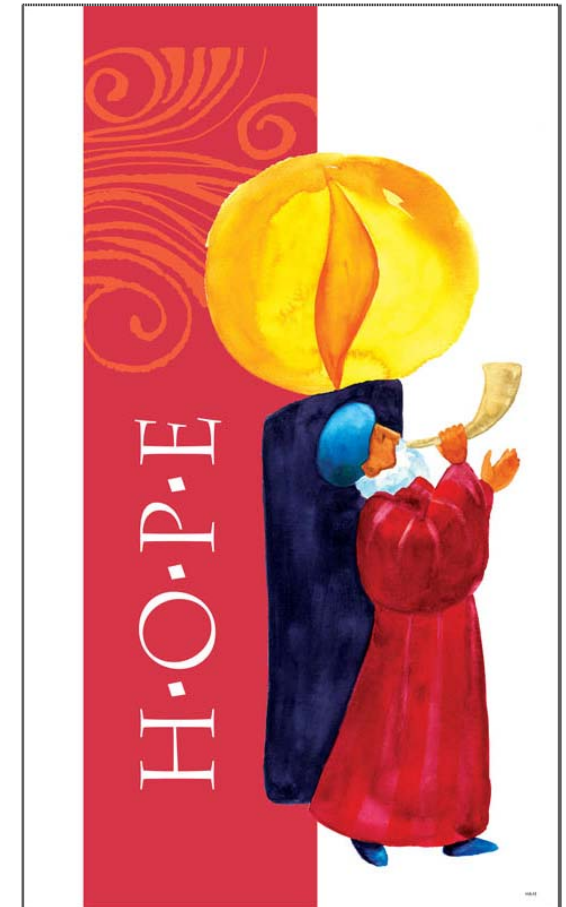
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Advent 1

"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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