

Watchword for the Week

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.
(Luke 1:68) (Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 85)

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints –
but let them not return to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield the harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Hymn 279 * *Make way for Christ the King*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Two Advent candles are carried into church lit)
(Children may leave for Kids' Church in the halls next door)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

From the wilderness of our world, we come to worship. From the solitary nature of our individual lives, we gather now as one people.

From the challenges and winding roads of our ever changing, ever more complex world, we come to the peace and calm of this sanctuary.

We come with intention and we bring our deep longings. And we seek, merciful God, your guiding Spirit of grace as we gather.

The candles of hope and peace have led us here – flames of hope and peace flickering before us and within us. Strengthen our own fire. Embolden our spirits. Kindle your light in our lives today, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4 OT p. 927 (925)
St. Luke 1:67-79 NT p. 75
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 266 * *God the Omnipotent!*

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 280 *Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, December 2015)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Father of Light, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in your world, that all may believe in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM of Anastasia Robin Thorpe

APOSTLES' CREED (Hymnbook, No. 628)

BLESSING and PROMISE

COMMITMENT of the CONGREGATION

Chorus

*God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
lead you through darkness into the light.*

PRAYER for OTHERS

Response: Hear our prayer,
and let your Kingdom come.

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.

PRAYER: Look, Lord, on your children, who love your name and need your care. Let your hands be known in the touch of friends. ***Lord, say the word and we shall be healed.***

INVITATION

During the next song, those who wish to receive the laying on of hands should come forward and kneel, stand, or sit at the appropriate place. When hands have been laid and prayer said, please make space for others who want to follow.

Chorus

God to enfold you

If you wish to receive the prayer of blessing and the laying-on of hands, come to sit, stand or kneel in the sanctuary area. You may also share in pronouncing the prayer of blessing on others.

PRAYER for the LAYING-ON of HANDS

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enter you, body, mind, and spirit, and heal you of all that harms you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...so now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

BREAKING of BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God: ***have mercy on us.***
Jesus, bearer of our sins: ***have mercy on us.***
Jesus, redeemer of the world: ***grant us peace.***

COMMUNION

NOTICES and CONCLUDING PRAYER

Hymn 157 * *Sing of the Lord's goodness*

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you so wish.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Jimmimah Ujma
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled €252.62.
- After worship you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Advent dates** – all events in the church
 - Thursday, 10 December** at 19:30 hrs:
Concert: *Pauluskirche choirs / brass band*.
 - Saturday, 12 December** at 18:00 hrs:
Annual ECC Sing-along Concert.
 - Sunday, 20 December** at 12:30 hrs:
Christmas Pageant (relive the Story).
 - Thursday, 24 December** at 19:30 hrs:
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: **Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal**. 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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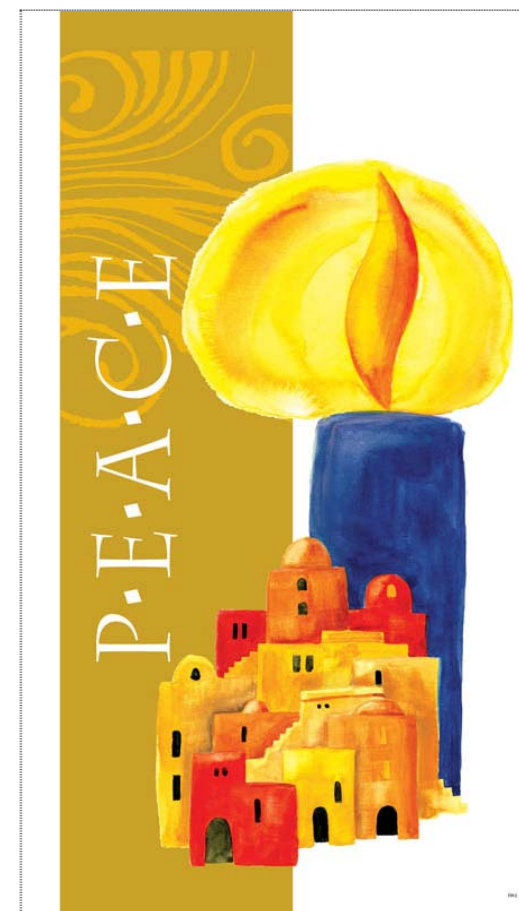
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Advent 2

"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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