

### Watchword for the Week

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

God, help us to face the difficulties in our own lives and the injustices we see around us with acceptance of your ways. You are a trustworthy God. **May we be anchored in your hope.**

### WORDS of AFFIRMATION

God, you have the ability to transform our humiliation into glory. We stand firm in your promise to heal and forgive. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Hymn 771 \*** *If you believe and I believe*  
(Children may go to join the Kids' Church programme)  
*If you believe and I believe,*  
*and we together pray,*  
*the Holy Spirit will come down*  
*and set God's people free.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 *NT p. 250 (249)*

St. Luke 13:31-35 *NT p. 98*  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 354** 1-3 + 6 *O Love, how deep...*  
(Hymn of the Month, February 2016)

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**Hymn 577 \*** *Christ be beside me*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

As you have been a Father to us, **make us more loving to our sisters and brothers.**  
As you have been a Mother to us, **make us more loving to our sisters and brothers.**  
As you have loved us with a love that will not give us up, **make us more loving to our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

### 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.

**Hymn 620 \*** *Spirit of the living God*

*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;*  
*make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;*  
*humble, caring, selfless, sharing.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.*

*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

### NOTICES and CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Hymn 519 \*** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and OPENING RESPONSES

(Based on Psalm 27)

God is our light, our salvation.  
**Whom shall we fear?**

God is our stronghold and shelter.  
**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

When our adversaries and enemies confront us, when they surround us and we're under attack – **our hearts will not fear.**  
**We will be confident.**

We will follow God all the days of our lives!  
**We come to worship and behold the beauty of God.**

We raise our heads and offer shouts of joy!  
**We will sing and make melody to God!**

**Hymn 124 \*** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God, there are times when we are overwhelmed with the world. We face disappointments. We face adversities and uncertainties. **We feel like everything is moving the opposite direction from the way things should be going.**

God, we look to you for renewed trust and hope. We cry out to you when we let fear and apprehension take over our lives. We ask you for help, for assurance.  
**We hold on to the promise you have made to protect and love us.**

God, sometimes we fall short in our attempts to have faith in your promises. We ask for forgiveness for those times. We look to you during the wilderness of Lent. **We seek to find ways to strengthen our faith in you.**

# 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:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 150.49.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The World Council of Churches' **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Portugal, Spain, Italy** and **Malta**. Further information at: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
  - Wednesday, 24 February**
    - 6:00 pm **ECC Choir** practice in church
    - 7:00 pm **Joyful Singers** in the halls
  - Sunday, 28 February**
    - 12:30 hrs Guest preacher: Horst Grabski
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you. 

*The wish for healing has  
always been half of health.*

Lucius Annaeus Seneca  
(4 B.C. – 65 A.D.)  
Roman philosopher



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## Lent 2

## Prayers for Healing

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

"On entering, peace – on departure, wholeness"  
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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