

### Watchword for the Week

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!  
(Isaiah 2:5)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Verses from Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the Lord's house."

**And now we are here,  
standing inside the gates of Jerusalem!**

Jerusalem is a city restored  
in beautiful order and harmony.

**This is where the tribes of Israel come, to  
give thanks to the LORD as he commanded.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May those who love you prosper.

**May there be peace inside your walls  
and safety in your palaces."**

For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I say to Jerusalem, "Peace be with you!"

**For the sake of the house of the LORD our  
God, I pray for your prosperity.**

**Hymn 83** \* v. 1-4 *I rejoiced when I heard...*

**People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(The first Advent candle is carried into church lit)

## PRAYERS of LIGHT and CONFESSION

We are all on this Advent journey together.  
Travel with us God, during this time of waiting.  
**Awaken our hearts to your peace.**

We light a new candle each Sunday in Advent,  
reminding us that you, God, are the light along  
our paths leading us to a more just world.

**Awaken our hearts to your peace.**

Holy One, as we wait, help us to stay awake and  
present to your love. Help us unlearn ways of  
harm, and practice ways of kindness.

**Awaken our hearts to your peace.**

God of peace, we ask for your guidance during  
this time of waiting. We wait for the birth of  
Jesus, our great teacher of love. Sometimes  
when we have to wait, we lose patience, and  
wish time would pass quickly. Other times, we  
are preoccupied with worries and distractions,  
and it seems we are sleeping through life.

Sometimes we ignore ourselves or hurt those  
around us; we become numb to the suffering of  
others...

*(Silence)*

We have learned ways of violence, sometimes  
revealed to us in our judgmental thoughts,  
prejudices, hurtful words, and careless actions.  
Help us to unlearn ways that harm, and lead us  
toward your ways of peace and life...

*(Silence)*

Help us to wake up to your love and presence.

**Forgive us for the times when we hurt  
ourselves and others. Amen.**

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

Holy God, you always give of yourself to us. You  
never leave us; you forgive and cherish us, time  
and again. This knowledge brings your peace to  
our hearts. May that peace flow out through our  
words and actions. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Hymn 83** \* v. 5 *For the love of my friends...*

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5 *OT p. 672 (671)*

St. Matthew 24:36-44 *NT p. 36*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 241** \* *Isaiah the prophet has written  
(Hymn of the Month, November 2016)*

## SERMON

Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 528** \* *Make me a channel of your peace  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*

## DEDICATION PRAYER

We dedicate ourselves:

to be a people of faith,

**believing in one God - Father, Son and Spirit;**

to be a people of sacrifice,

**giving of ourselves so that others might live;**

to be a people of trust,

**rejecting cynicism and refusing despair;**

to be a people of prophecy,

**holding out Good News to a weary world;**

to be a people of hope,

**waiting expectantly for the coming of a**

**Saviour; until we see Jesus face to face. Amen.**

## NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

O come: **let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 286** \* *Tell out, my soul, the greatness*

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 to be sent our occasional church newsletter*.
- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Renate Schwarz
  - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Offerings for 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> totalled € 406.16.
- After worship, you are invited to the **church halls** next door for our **Annual General Meeting**, reflecting on and celebrating the life of our community, with Council elections.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on the ***Burkina Faso, Chad, Mauritania, and Niger.*** Prayer link from our website: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
  - Wednesday, 30 November** 6:00 pm  
**ECC Choir** practice in church
  - Friday, 2 December** 6:00 pm  
**Joyful Singers** practice in the church hall
  - Sunday, 4 December** 12:30 pm  
**2nd of Advent** with Holy Communion and Iona liturgy of Prayers for Healing
- **Looking further ahead:**
  - Saturday, 10 December** 18:00 pm  
**Sing-along Concert** with choirs of the ECC
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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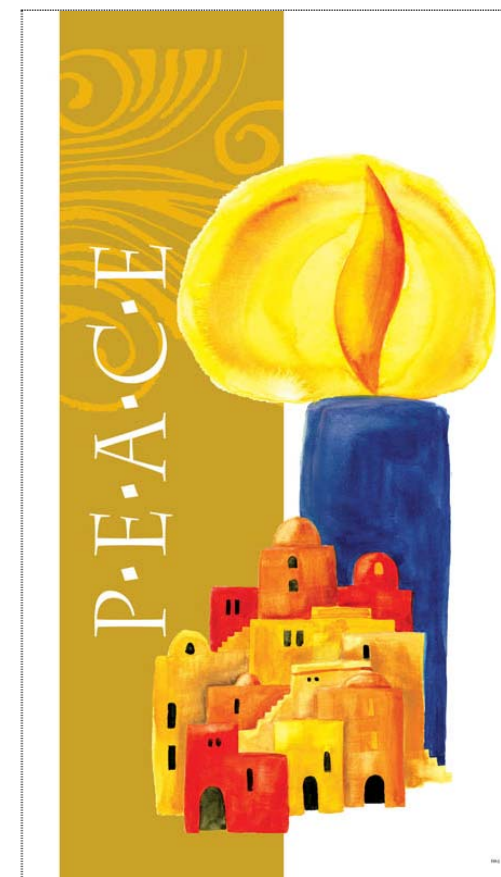
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Advent 1

"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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