

Watchword for the Week

Be strong; do not fear! Here is your God.
(Isaiah 35:4)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

**Strengthen our hearts
as we wait for you with joy!**

We join our hearts with the desert
gushing forth with life. We share with Mary
who sings with joy for the child, who is to come.

**Strengthen our hearts
as we wait for you with joy!
Help us share that joy wherever we go.
Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Friends, God loves each one of us. Even in our
brokenness and imperfection, God never leaves
nor gives up on us. May we sing praises, as
does Mary, assured of this truth: we are forgiven
and cherished by our God through and through!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME



Chorus

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.*

Jesus is the light, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

Hymn 311 * *Jesus is born*
(Hymn of the Month, December 2016)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: James 5:7-11 *NT p. 293 (291)*

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55 *NT p. 74*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn (eg 588) *Magnificat (Taizé)*

*Magnificat, Magnificat,
Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat, Magnificat,
Magnificat anima mea!*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Robert Haworth*

Hymn 472 * *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Eternal God, let us live in your eternal light,
that we may abound in joy and act for justice
in our world. We offer ourselves and our
gifts, to serve you in your church and in the
world. Strengthen our hearts to prepare for
your coming to us in our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Eternal God, you call us:
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 303 * *It came upon the midnight clear*
(Tune: Carol – PH 129)

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP
(Based on Isaiah 35)

The wilderness and the desert will rejoice
and flowers will bloom in the wilderness.

**Everyone will see the Lord's splendour
and the majesty and power of our God.**

Then the blind will be able to see,
and the deaf will be able to hear.

**The lame will leap and dance like deer, and
those who cannot speak will shout for joy!**

Streams of water will flow though the desert
and dry land will be filled with springs.

A highway shall be there,
called "The Holy Way."

**The unclean shall not travel there,
but it shall be for God's people.**

Those whom the Lord has rescued will return;
**they will reach Jerusalem with gladness,
singing and shouting for joy!**

Hymn 241 * *Isaiah the prophet has written*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Three Advent candles are carried into church lit)

ADVENT CANDLE PRAYER

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light three
candles. The first two we light for peace and hope.
We wait now in peace and hope.

Today we light the third candle for joy,
joy that Christ is coming as light in our lives.

**Strengthen our hearts
as we wait for you with joy!**

God is a God of justice who feeds the hungry
and includes the outcast. God lifts up the lowly
and puts down the mighty.

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:** Heike Hundeiker
 - Reader:** Marcus Sarpong
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.***
- After worship, you are invited to the **church halls** next door to the church for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on the **Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau** and **Senegal**. Prayer link: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Diary for the week ahead:**
 - Wednesday 6:00 pm** **ECC Choir** (church)
 - Friday 7:00 pm** **Joyful Singers** (church hall)
 - Sunday, 18 December 12:30 pm**
4th of Advent Pageant / Nativity Play
- **Looking further ahead:**
 - Saturday, 24 December 7:30 pm**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
 - Sunday, 24 December 12:30 pm**
Christmas Day Communion
 - Sunday, 1 January 2017 12:30 pm**
New Year's Day Communion

- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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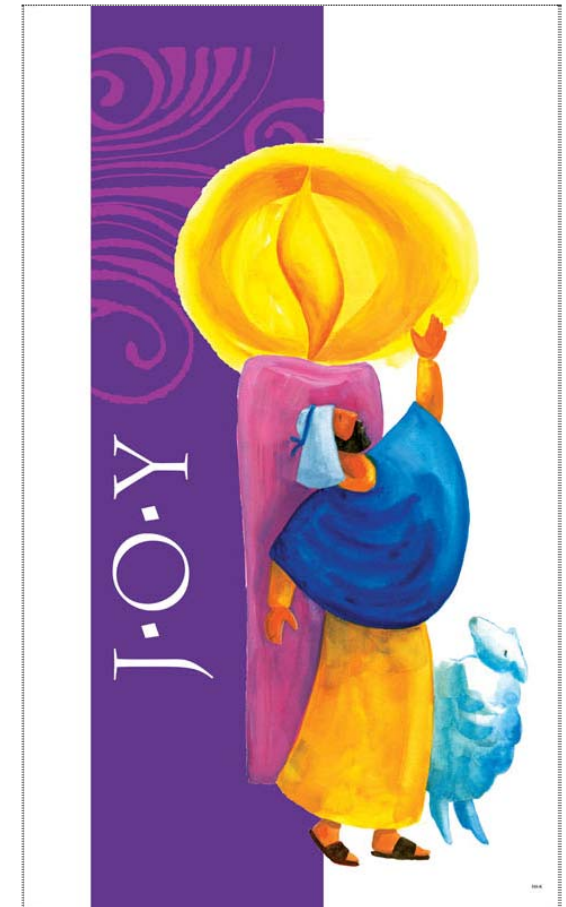
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Advent 3

"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace - on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum - Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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