

Watchword for Christmas Day

The law was given through Moses;
grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.

(John 1:17)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2016)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 98)

Sing a new song to the LORD;
he has done wonderful things!

**By his power and holy strength,
he has won the victory.**

The LORD announced his victory; **he made
his saving power known to the nations.**

He kept his promise to the people of Israel
with loyalty and constant love for them.

**All people everywhere have seen
the victory of our God.**

Hymn 126 v. 1-2* *Let's sing to the Lord*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

Sing for joy to the LORD, all the earth;
praise him with songs and shouts of joy!

**Sing praises to the LORD!
Play music on the harps.**

Blow trumpets and horns,
and shout for joy to the LORD, our king.

**Roar, seas, and every creature in you;
sing, earth, and all who live on you!**

Clap your hands, you rivers;
you hills, sing together with joy before the LORD,

**because he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the peoples of the world
with justice and fairness.**

Hymn 126 v. 3-5* *So dance for our God*

PRAYER of APPROACH

Glory to you, almighty God,
for you sent your only-begotten Son,
that we might have new life.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for you became flesh and dwelt among us
that we might become your people.

Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
for you direct and rule our lives
that we might walk in your ways.

Glory to you, almighty God,
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Christ is born! Give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven!
Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!
O earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy,
for he has been glorified!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 320 * *Joy to the world*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 52:7-10 *OT p. 718 (719)*

St. John 1:1-14 *NT p. 116*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

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

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

Hymn 666 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

INVITATION

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LITANY for CHRISTMAS DAY

The Word was made flesh, **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
And dwelt among us. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus, Son of the living God, Splendour of the
Father, Light eternal, **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Lord, **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls,
Perfect in holiness, **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor,
Treasure of the faithful, **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Good Shepherd, Inexhaustible Wisdom,
our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, joy of the angels, Crown of all the saints,
Glory to you, O Lord!

Christ is born! **Give him glory!**
Christ has come down from heaven!

Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! **Exalt him!**

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy!

For he has been glorified! Amen.

Hymn 324 * 1, 4, 5 *Angels from the realms...*

... to be a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for
your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty
Father, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS

**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.**

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

SHARING PEACE / CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn 322 * *Good Christians, all rejoice*

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:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Reader:** Wolfgang Rochowiak
 - Organ:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Ghana** and **Nigeria**. Follow the prayer link from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Looking ahead:**
 - Sunday, 1 January 2017** 12:30 pm
New Year's Day Communion
 - Sunday, 8 January 2017** 12:30 pm
Epiphany / Covenant Sunday
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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"The Word made Flesh" (2015)
Sketch for Installation, Melissa Beth Rose

Christmas Day

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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