

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."

(Luke 21:33)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

**that we may see your presence in our midst
and so renew our hope. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of GRACE

Hear the good news.

God does not remember our brokenness, our
failings, the ways we have wandered away.

God's love is steadfast, and God's hope is
never-ending! God remembers us!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 472 * Come, thou long-expected Jesus

COMMISSIONING the COUNCIL

Presentation – Covenant – Prayer

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16 OT p. 770 (771)

St. Luke 21:25-36 NT p. 107 (108)

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

Hymn 287 No wind at the window
(Hymn of the Month, December 2018)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 476 * Mine eyes have seen the glory
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

The APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hymn 359 * He came down

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you...

With the faithful in every place and time,
we praise with joy your holy name:

Hymn 769 * Holy, holy, holy

BLESSING, BREAKING, POURING

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

**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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION and COMMUNION

(Communion will be served in the pews)

NOTICES and DISMISSAL

Hymn 475 * Christ is coming! Let creation

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL to WORSHIP

All you works of God, all you mighty heavens;
all you angels of light, all you saints in glory:

Worship and praise your Maker.

All you heavenly bodies, sun, moon and stars;
all earthly weather, wind and rain and thunder:

Worship and praise your Maker.

Fire and searing heat, ice and deadly cold;
light and deepest dark, endless nights and days:

Worship and praise your Maker.

Mountains and high hills, forests and tall trees;
all you flowers and plants, waterfalls and streams:

Worship and praise your Maker.

Whales beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies;
all that leaps or crawls, creatures wild and tame:

Worship and praise your Maker.

People young and old; children, women, men;
all who do heaven's will, all who love the Lord:

Worship and praise your Maker.

Hymn 273 * O come, O come, Emmanuel

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

(The first Advent candle is carried into church lit)

PRAYER of APPROACH

As we enter the Season of Advent,
we reflect on new life and God's promise kept.

Seeing the flame of this first candle of hope,
may our hearts be drawn to your light, O God.

**We confess that we have not always held on
to hope. We have given in to pessimism and
despair. Instead of nurturing new life, we
have torn it down. We have wandered away
from your path, O God, to follow our own.
Break into our midst again. Open our eyes,**

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. And remember over the coming weeks to:



- **Today's worship team:**
Duty elder: Eric Obimdi
Reader: Debbie Hubweber
Organist: Nicole Hartmann
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 133.20.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Myanmar** and **Thailand**. Link to prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Further dates to note:**
Saturday, 8 December 18:00 hrs
Advent Sing-along Concert
Sunday, 9 December (Advent 2) 12:30 hrs
Iona Liturgy of Prayers for Healing
Sunday, 16 December (Advent 3) 12:30 hrs
Christmas Pageant / ad hoc Nativity Play
Sunday, 23 December (Advent 4) 12:30 hrs
Ceremony of Carols / Infant Dedication
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Advent 1

Holy Communion
Commissioning the Council

"Pax intransitibus, salus exeuntibus"
"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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