

Watchword for the Week

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
(Isaiah 2:5)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible and the Advent candle are brought in procession into the worship space.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

May we walk
into the light of God.

May we journey
into the light of God.

May we hope
into the light of God.

May we move the world
into the light of God.

Hymn 193 * *God is love: his the care*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Response:
Teach us your ways, O God;
show us how to walk in your paths.

WORDS of RENEWAL

Loving healing God,
we rejoice, we are renewed, we are sustained.
We now turn to the world,
strengthened and forgiven to offer
these gifts of renewal to all whom we meet.
With love and gratitude,
we give thanks to God. Amen.

Hymn 83 * *I rejoiced when I heard them say*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Psalms 122 OT p. 617

SOLO "God With Us"

St. Matthew 24:36-44 NT p. 36
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 477 * *Lo, he comes with clouds*

SERMON "Are you/we ready for Advent?!"
Jade Ableitner, Probationer

Hymn 175 * *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over the barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life
and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**
Amen.

The INVITATION

Hymn 19 *Ye gates, lift up your heads on high*
(Hymn of the Month, December 2019)

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

... and saints in this joyful hymn of praise:

Hymn 769 * *Holy, holy, holy*

For your kindness to us ... his faithful followers,
showing your love for the world:
**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory is yours,
almighty Father, for ever.**

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(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.**

COMMUNION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHORUSES "Who is greater than Jehovah?"
"Who has the final say?"

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hymn 166 * *Lord of all hopefulness*
(Tune: SLANE, Hymn 465)

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)
Please remain standing until the Bible is carried out.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *Good you're here!* Please add your name and post or e-mail address to the book at the back of church to receive details of upcoming events.
- 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:** Justus Masa
 - Reader:** Tamsin Kostrzewa
 - Music:** Hendrik Ziser (Organ)
Charlotte Kreimer (Solo)
Sounds of Harmony Choir
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Myanmar** and **Thailand**. Link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- **Looking ahead:**
 - Wednesday, 4 December**
6 p.m. *ECC Choir practice* [Pauluskirche](#)
 - Saturday, 7 December**
6 p.m. *Sing-along Concert*, Pauluskirche
 - Sunday, 8 December**
10.30 *Lectio Divina #5*, Youth Clubroom
12.30 *Prayers for Healing*, Pauluskirche
special offering for the Presbytery Project
 - Sunday, 15 December**
12.30 *Christmas Pageant*, Pauluskirche
- Please support our **Advent Appeal** for *donations of packed biscuits, cookies, chocolates or cakes* giving some Christmas cheer to clients of our local Bahnhof Mission.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Holy Communion

“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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