

ECC Bochum

English-speaking Christian Congregation

Digital Worship, 29 November 2020



Sing along for

HOPE

Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484653256?pwd=ZFFHV25JSmcrS1M2SVVNNkcwc091QT09>
(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)
IMPORTANT! This is a new Zoom link. The link we have been using for worship till now is no longer valid.

PRELUDE "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (The Piano Guys)

Watchword for the Week (Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds
with great power and glory. (Mark 13:26)

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES (responses in bold-face italics)

Even if we cannot gather in person:

Emmanuel, God with us

Even if some Christmas traditions have had to go:

Emmanuel, God with us

Even if we might not get to hug family and friends:

Emmanuel, God with us

Even if we cannot sing carols beside each other:

Emmanuel, God with us

Even if Christmas cheer is harder this year:

Emmanuel, God with us

HYMN *Christ is coming!* (Church Hymnary 475)

- 1 Christ is coming! Let creation from her groans and travail cease;
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come now, blessed Prince of Peace.
- 2 Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;
she shall yet behold your glory, Lord, when you return to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! 'Come, Lord Jesus, come again!'

- 3 Long your exiles have been pining, far from you, and rest, and home:
but, in heavenly glory shining, soon their loving Lord shall come:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Haste the joyous jubilee.
- 4 With that blessed hope before us, harps be played and songs be sung;
let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
'Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!'

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *He came down that we may have hope* (Church Hymnary 359)

He came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope, Hallelujah for evermore!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-9 (GNB Old Testament, page 728)

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

HYMN *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* (Church Hymnary 477)

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending, Christ, the Lamb, for sinners slain;
thousand-thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those deep wounds of cross and passion still his glorious body bears;
cause of endless exaltation to his ransomed worshippers:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! See! The day of God appears.
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore you, high on your eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for your own:
oh, come quickly, oh, come quickly, oh, come quickly,
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

REFLECTION "Hoping Against Hope"

HYMN *Make way, make way, for Christ the King* (Church Hymnary 279)

- 1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.
*Make way (Make way), make way (Make way) for the King of kings;
Make way (Make way), make way (Make way) and let his kingdom in.*

- 2 He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.
- 3 And those who mourns with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy, and royal crown he'll beautify.
- 4 We call you now to worship him as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him, their thrones must fall!

NOTICES & PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your 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.***

BLESSING (spoken together:)

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.***

CLOSING MUSIC: *May the hope of God go with us* (Church Hymnary 256)

- 1 May the hope of God go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
*Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*
- 2 God will be our Shepherd as we go our way
and will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
we must not forget that God is always there.

Advent Calendar (Nativity)



Colour the picture, then each day colour one star beginning with number one.

Other children's resources at: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

NOTICES

- **Digital Worship** is held live every Sunday at 12.30 p.m. on Zoom (virtual doors open at 12:15). The Meeting ID is: 814 8465 3256. The Passcode is: 947371. For **data protection** reasons, private audio or video recordings of our Zoom worship services are NOT permitted. Please comply to respect each other's privacy.
- An **Advent and Christmas Bible Study** starts this Thursday, 3 December at 19:30 hrs. Like our worship, these Bible studies will also be using the conference platform Zoom. The Meeting ID is: 882 1296 9022. The Passcode is: 051157.
- The focus of the **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is on Myanmar and Thailand. Please hold these countries and their people in your prayers this week:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/myanmar-thailand>
- Links to many other **online worship resources** provided by various churches, including the United Church of Christ, the Church of Scotland and others, have been posted on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>
- The **Weltladen** (Fair Trade Store) has a batch of handmade full-face masks in aid of ECC church funds on sale for a minimum donation of € 5 per mask. *Weltladen* opening hours are Tuesday and Friday 14-17 hrs and Saturday 11-17 hrs.
- Almost 2,000 **English books** (mixed content) were donated recently to raise funds for the ECC. Contact Pastor Jimmy to arrange to buy your personal batch of books!
- Our **congregational income** has been dramatically affected by the corona crisis. Please consider donating by bank transfer in order that the ECC may continue to cover ongoing costs. Bank account details are as shown here. *Thank you.*

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