

**Watchword for the Week**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people  
and redeemed them.

(Luke 1:68)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

***in holiness and righteousness  
before God all our days.***

And you, my child, will be called  
the prophet of the Most High,  
***for you will go before God and prepare God's  
ways; to give knowledge of salvation to the  
people by the forgiveness of their sins.***

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from  
on high breaks upon us, to give light to those  
who sit in night and in the shadow of death,  
***to guide our feet in the way of peace.***

**LIGHTING of the ADVENT CANDLES**

**Hymn 284,** 1+2+5 *Love is a candle*  
(Hymn of the Month, December 2021)

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Malachi 3:1-4 *OT p. 925*

Luke 1:67-79 *NT p. 74*

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

**Hymn 162** *The God of Abraham praise*

**SERMON** "Of Soap, Silver, and Salvation"  
Rev. James Brown

**Hymn 581** (New Century Hymnal)

*Lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth,  
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;  
let peace fill our hearts,  
let peace fill our world,  
let peace fill our universe.*

1. Still all the angry cries, still all the angry guns,  
still now your people die,  
earth's sons and daughters.  
Let justice roll, let mercy pour down,  
come and teach us your way of compassion.

2. So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives,  
longing for love to break into their anguish.  
Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,  
come and teach us your way of compassion.
3. Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth,  
let us begin to grow into your people.  
We can be love, we can bring peace,  
we can still be your way of compassion.

**NOTICES**

**PRAYERS for OTHERS**

(After each petition:) ***Hear us, O God.***

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.***

**Hymn 283** *The voice of God goes out*

**CLOSING RESPONSES**

Leader: Out of fear and into hope

**All: *God has called us.***

Leader: Out of darkness and into light

**All: *God has called us.***

Leader: Out of confusion and into peace

**All: *God has called us.***

Leader: Today and tomorrow

**All: *we walk with God.***

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

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: A messenger will be born.

**All: *Peace is coming.***

Leader: Someone to show the way.

**All: *Peace is coming.***

Leader: A world is waiting.

**All: *Peace is coming.***

Leader: Lord, we, your people, wait patiently,  
hanging on for Advent peace.

Lord, we bring you ourselves.

**All: *We bring you our worship.***

**Hymn 274** *Comfort, comfort now, my people*

**The CANTICLE of ZECHARIAH**

(Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Sovereign God of Israel,  
***who has looked favourably on the people  
and redeemed them.***

God has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
***in the house of his servant David;***  
as God spoke through the mouth  
of the holy prophets from old,  
***that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.***

Thus God has shown the mercy  
promised to our ancestors,  
***and has remembered his holy covenant, the  
oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,***  
to grant us that we, being rescued  
from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve God without fear,

# Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's 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's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
  - Reader:** Debbie Hubweber
  - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering basket** as you leave church is our congregation's main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and fellowship. Be advised that under Covid rules 2G now applies in the Café (as opposed to 3G in church). And please help afterwards by clearing away cups and plates, washing dishes and tidying up. Thank-you!
- The **Christian discipline** Bible study series concludes tomorrow at 7 p.m. with a session on **Celebration** (lots of potential Bible texts!) in the Kirchencafé; This is a hybrid event with a Zoom option to join online if you prefer: (ID: 882 1296 9022; Code: 051157)
- Our worship on **Sunday 12 December** will include introduction of new Council members and appreciation of those leaving the Council after many years of dedicated service.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Myanmar** and **Thailand**. Link to prayers and further information from [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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## Advent 2

**"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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