

**Watchword for the Nativity**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's  
only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

**WORDS of PROPHECY**

Isaiah 9:2-7

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**PRAYER of APPROACH**

**Hymn 279**

*Make way for Christ the King*

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, for the King of kings;  
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.
4. We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before him,  
their thrones must fall!

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

**The BIRTH of JESUS**

St. Luke 2:1-7

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**Hymn 312**

*Away in a manger*

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**The SHEPHERDS and the ANGELS**

St. Luke 2:8-14

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**Hymn 301**

*Hark, the herald angels sing*

1. Hark, the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!'  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
with the angelic hosts proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.  
*Hark, the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King'.*
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the Incarnate Deity,  
pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth:

**SERMON**

"Out of the box"  
Revd James Brown

**Hymn 306**

*O come, all ye faithful*

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the King of angels.  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let adore him, Christ the Lord.*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God in the highest':

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP**

(Plain text = Leader; ***bold italics = All***)

Not in the mighty places of power,  
but in little Bethlehem,  
in a room out back:

***The Messiah is coming.***

Not announced by high and mighty rulers,  
but by Mary and Elizabeth,  
who were the first to know:

***The Messiah is coming.***

Not born in nobility and wealth,  
but of Mary and Joseph,  
who pondered and planed wood:

***The Messiah is coming.***

Nothing will be impossible for God,  
but where and when we least expect it,  
look among the straw and the stars:

***The Messiah is coming.***

**Hymn 273**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
4. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:
5. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:



4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born for our salvation;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

#### PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Response after each petition:

**Shine upon them and give them peace.**

**Hymn 309** *Still the night, holy the night*  
(Candles will be lit during this hymn.)

1. Still the night, holy the night!  
Sleeps the world, hid from sight,  
Mary and Joseph in stable bare  
watch o'er the child beloved and fair,  
sleeping in heavenly rest,  
sleeping in heavenly rest.
2. Still the night, holy the night!  
Shepherds first saw the light,  
heard resounding clear and long,  
far and near, the angel-song,  
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'  
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'
3. Still the night, holy the night!  
Son of God, O how bright  
love is smiling from thy face!  
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,  
Saviour, since thou art born!  
Saviour, since thou art born!

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.**

Closing hymn overleaf ↗

#### Hymn 320

*Joy to the world*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

## Notices

- **Welcome to church.** If you're a first-time worshipper, 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:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Fritz Rüdiger Volz
  - Organist:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering basket** as you leave church is our congregation's main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



English-speaking Christian Congregation  
Bochum, Germany

24 December 2021



## Christmas Eve

**"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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