

The English Community Outreach Project
Protestant Deanery of Wiesbaden in the Bergkirche

December 5, 2021



**“Lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”
Luke 21:28b**

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! We are glad you are here with us. Here are a few things to help orient you during the service.

- Hymnals are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please wear a mask while singing.
- In the bulletin, items marked with a star* indicate that you should stand in body or spirit, as you are able. During the Prayers of the People, you may remain seated until Rev. Cranbury invites you to stand for the Lord's Prayer.
- Wenn Sie eine deutsche Übersetzung der Predigt wünschen, finden Sie manche auf dem Tisch am Eingang.

Greeting

Invocation: We gather today in the love of God, the compassion of Jesus, our Christ, and of the Holy Spirit –

***Opening Song**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Worship and Rejoice #154**Psalm 85**

Open your ears, O shepherd of Israel,

Wake your power and come to save us

O God, restore us and smile on us

So that we may be saved.

You brought a vine from Egypt.

You cleared the ground for it so that it took root and filled the ground.

O God, restore us and smile on us

So that we may be saved.

Look from heaven and see!

Come to help this vine.

O God, restore us and smile on us

So that we may be saved.

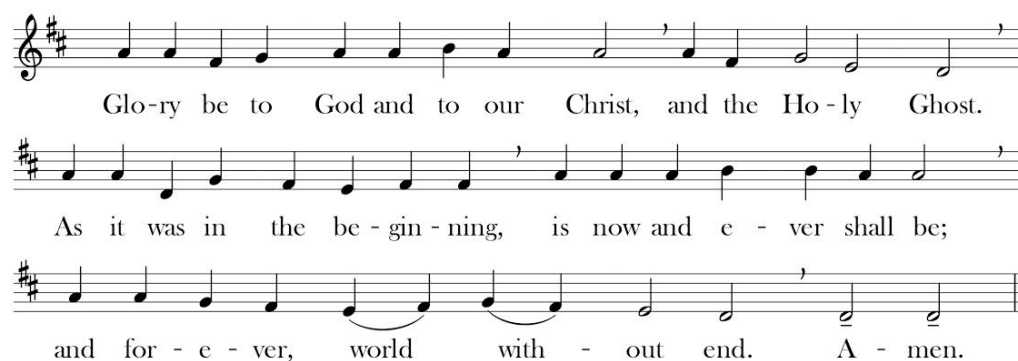
Let your power rest on the one you have chosen.

Give us life again, and we will call on you.







O God, restore us and smile on us

So that we may be saved.




Reader - Come, let us worship!



Prayer of Confession

<p>Celebrant</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.</p>	<p>Congregation</p>  <p>Lord have mer - cy.</p>
<p>Celebrant</p>  <p>Chri - ste e - lei - son.</p>	<p>Congregation</p>  <p>Christ have mer - cy.</p>
<p>Celebrant</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.</p>	<p>Congregation</p>  <p>Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.</p>

Absolution

<p>Celebrant</p>  <p>Glo - ry to God - in the high - est,</p>	
<p>Congregation</p>  <p>and peace on the earth, good will to all the peo - ple.</p>	
<p>Celebrant</p>  <p>The Lord be with you!</p>	<p>Congregation</p>  <p>And al - so with you!</p>

Prayer (...through Jesus Christ, our brother and guide,)



A - men



Scripture: Isaiah 63:15-64:3 -

Look down and see from heaven, from your holy and beautiful dwelling. Where is your determination and might? Where is the longing of your heart and your compassion?

Don't hold back. You are our Father. Even though Abraham doesn't know us and Israel doesn't pay attention to us, O God, you are our Father. Your name is our Defender From Everlasting. O God, why do you let us wander from your ways and become so stubborn that we are unable to fear you? Return for the sake of your servants. They are the tribes that belong to you.

Your holy people possessed the land for a little while. Our enemies have trampled on your holy place. We have become like those whom you never ruled, like those who are not called by your name. If only you would split open the heavens and come down! The mountains would quake at your presence.

Be like the fire that kindles brushwood and makes water boil. Come down to make your name known to your enemies. The nations will tremble in your presence.

When you did awe-inspiring things that we didn't expect, you came down and the mountains quaked in your presence.

Reader: Blessed are they who hear and keep God's Word; Hallelujah!



Musical Meditation

Macht hoch die Tür

Sermon

Waiting for Christ

Rev. Hannah Cranbury

***Reflection Song**

People Look East

#161

Prayers of the People and the *Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say the Lord's prayer in whatever language or translation is most familiar or comfortable for you. If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you may read the following words:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.



Announcements

*Sending Song

Savior of the Nations Come

#168

*Benediction



Postlude

Concerto Nr. IV

Johann Sebastian Bach

Organ: *Dirk Putzek*

Technology: *Jörg Müller*

*Donations placed in the plate near the exit will be used to support this ministry, the
English Community Outreach Project.*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

We hope you will join us for our other activities.

First Sunday: Worship at the Bergkirche and Livestream at 11AM
Second Sunday: Dinner Church at 6PM
Third Sunday: No Gathering
Fourth Sunday: Walking Church at 11AM (location announced via email)

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Rev. Hannah Cranbury.



Fundraising Update

We are a ministry that can only exist because of the generosity of those who attend. If you feel moved to financially support this ministry, you may give an offering as you exit the church at the end of the service or make a transfer to the following account:

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