

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

August 13th 2017

Prelude

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Call to Worship

Thanks be to you, O God
that we have risen this day
to the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God
between us and each purpose,
the hand of God
between us and each hand.

The pain of Christ
between us and each pain,
the love of Christ
between us and each love.

O God, who brought us
to the bright light of this new day,
bring us
to the guiding light of eternity.

❖ **Hymn 449** *Rejoice! the Lord is King*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Hymn 155**

Think of a world

❖ **Lesson:** Psalm 12 (Old Testament, p.505)

Music in worship: *Adagio ma non tanto* from *Sonata for violin and piano in E major*, J.S. Bach; *Giles Francis*, violin

❖ **Lesson:** John 8: 21-26, 31-36 (New Testament, p.98)

❖ **Hymn 97** *O God, you search me and you know me*

❖ **Sermon** *Followed by pause for reflection*

❖ **Hymn:** *When the wheel of fate is turning* (tune: *Blaenwern*, hymn 468)

1. When the wheel of fate is turning
and the mills of God grind slow,
when the past seems more attractive
than the future we don't know,
when our confidence is waning
and we lack security,
comes the timeless word of Jesus
that the truth will set us free.

2. Is it war or economics,
is it danger or deceit,
is it unforeseen depression,
fear of failure to compete?
Have the times which once were changing
led where no one wants to be?
Shall we live by lies on offer
or the truth that sets us free?

3. With real faith there will be doubting,
and with loss there will be grief.
No one knows the contradictions
which will exercise belief.
Against conflicts life might bring us
God provides no guarantee,
just this word of hope and healing:
know that truth will set you free.

4. So, dear Jesus, make us willing
to unmask convenient lies,
to protest wherever power
closes conscience, ears and eyes;
And release our expectations
of your kingdom yet to be,
born in courage, joy and justice
and the truth that sets us free

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❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering** *Allegro from Sonata in E major, J.S. Bach*

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 806**

❖ **Hymn 498** *Angel voices ever singing*

Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*

Postlude: First movement from *Organ Concerto no. 1*, J.S. Bach

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

Our service is led this morning by the Rev. John Bell. Scripture reader is Ferry Haris. Consistory members on duty today are Gillian Walker & Sarah Wang.

A very warm WELCOME to all!
Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- We welcome back the **Rev. John Bell** from the Iona community, who has been our preacher for the past three Sundays while Pastor Lance is on holiday. Pastor Lance returns this week.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School and Junior Church** do not meet in the month of August.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Queen Maria Day celebration:** anyone interested in this event celebrating the feminine and the divine on August 22nd see the notice board for further details
- **27 August: Summer potluck picnic!** This year we will enjoy the last Sunday of summer breaking bread with people from the World House in their garden (Nieuwe Herengracht 20). Bring your favourite dish to share! There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board.
- **29-30 September:** autumn/winter clothing **Swap and Shop!** Bring in clothing, shoes and accessories *in good condition* (no undergarments or socks) throughout the month of September. On the evening of 29 September you can come help set everything up and on 30 September we will invite refugees to shop. More details to follow.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: dekloof@ercadam.nl.
- We have a weekly collection of **non-perishable food and household goods** for distribution to those who are in need locally. These can be left in a box in the vestibule of the church. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.
- This liturgy sheet is available in the vestibule in **large print**.

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