

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

December 3rd 2017

Preparation:

Prelude: Wake, awake, for night is flying!, J.S. Bach
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Antonio Vivaldi



Call to Worship and Approach to God

Leader: among the poor, among the proud,

Males: among the persecuted,

Females: among the privileged,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: with a gentle touch, with an angry word

Males: with fiery judgement,

Females: with burning love,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: that the Kingdom might come,

that the world might believe,

Males: that the powerful might stumble,

Females: that the hidden might be seen,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,

Males: in this place, in every place,

Females: for this time, for all time,

All: Christ is coming to make all things new.

❖ **Hymn 273:** *O Come, O come, Emmanuel*

❖ **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.

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address & lighting of advent candles**

❖ **Hymn 282** (Chorus and v.1): *'Christmas is coming!'*

❖ **Lesson:** Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 (Old Testament, p.552)

❖ **Hymn 472:** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

❖ **Music in worship:** *Et in terra pax*

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

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 772: *In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*
- ❖ Prayers of intercession
- ❖ Offering & dedication *Laudamus te
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam*
- ❖ Confession of faith, Hymn 628: *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
- ❖ The Peace, Invitation and the story of the Last Supper
- ❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving:
*The Lord be with you **and also with you**
Lift up your hearts **we lift them up to the Lord**
Let us give thanks **It is right to give**
to the Lord our God **our thanks and praise***
... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing...
Hymn 651: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
- ❖ Prayer of Consecration
- ❖ Sharing of bread and wine
Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.
Domine Deus (Georgia Tindate, soprano)
Domine Fili unigenite
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Hymn 278: *'Wake, awake! for night is flying'*

Sending out with blessing

Postlude: *Quoniam tu solus sanctus
Cum Sancto Spiritu*

Please remain in place until the minister and Consistory have left the Church and the choir have finished the Postlude.

*Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. This is an all-age Communion service. All the baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake. Scripture reader is Zahra Thomas. Prayers of intercession are led by Heleen Koning.
Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning & Nick Thomas.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** afterwards.

You might also like to visit our **Welcome Desk** in front of the Communion table, especially if you are new to the church.

To mark the beginning of Advent, the music in today's service is from the **Gloria** by Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). This setting of the ancient Christian hymn probably dates from around 1715 and was most likely composed for the choir of the Venetian orphanage at which Vivaldi held a position as master of music. The text, the same *Gloria* which is sung or said as part of the mass, opens with the words the angels sang as they announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds. You can find a translation of this Latin text at 647 in the hymnal.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** today, as this is an all-age Communion service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- This evening: **Prepare Your Hearts For Christmas: Advent Bible Study** with a difference led by Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, connecting the Bible to your experience, your culture, your life. 7:30pm at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. All welcome.
- Next Saturday, Dec 9th:
 - **Nativity Play rehearsal** at the church, 1:30pm, followed by
 - the **children's Christmas Party** at 3:00pm at the church hall, NZ Voorburgwal 282A;
 - Our service on Sun Dec 10th, 10:30am, will be our **Nativity Service**, followed by...
 - **Carol singing** out on the Spui. ALL welcome!
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- Interested in joining a **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through Mark's Gospel? Especially (though not exclusively) aimed at Christians who are young in the faith and keen to learn. Speak to Pastor Lance.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship. The passage or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Dec 10th:

Dec 17th :Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; John 1:6-8,19-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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