

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

February 11th 2018



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Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

Prelude: O God, Thou Faithful God, Johannes Brahms

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Fill this space with songs of love,
fill this moment with eager hearts,
**fill this gathering with your Spirit,
as we meet with you here.**

For you are who we long to know;
and this is how we yearn to live.

**God, we come as we are,
expectant, waiting, longing,
looking for eternity among us,
God with us.**

❖ **Hymn 132:** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

❖ **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 talk
- ❖ First Lesson Mark 9:2-9 (New Testament, p.42)
- ❖ Hymn 448: *Lord, the light of your love is shining*
- ❖ Music in worship: *Send out Thy Light, Charles Gounod*
- ❖ Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (New Testament, p.177)
- ❖ Hymn 601: *Look upon us, blessèd Lord*
- ❖ Sermon: *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 189: *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
- ❖ Prayers of intercession
- ❖ Offering *Come Thou Fount, arr. James D. Cram*
- ❖ Dedication: hymn 816 (*tune: Regent Square*) followed by:
Gracious God,
all that we have comes from you,
all that is returns to you:
**Take these our offerings,
and use them and us that
the world may shine with your glory. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 355: *You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd*

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



Postlude: *Chromatic Fugue/Fantasia, Joh. Pachelbel*

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

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Nina Schroeder. Prayers of intercession are led by
Baafi Owusu Sekyere. Consistory members on duty are Jaap Maas
& Ingrid Sørensen.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

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.
- **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone (Je Corro) is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **LENT** begins this Wednesday, February 14th. This is **Ash Wednesday** and instead of **midweek fellowship** there will be services of imposition of ashes at:
 - **17.30 hrs** at the **Krijtberg Roman Catholic Church** on the Singel;
 - **19.30 hrs** (in English) at **Christ Church**, Groenburgwal 42.During Lent there will be a **daily prayer, Bible passage and meditation** posted on the Church website which you are invited to access.
- **Municipal elections** are coming soon in Amsterdam and one of our members, Elisabeth IJmker is standing as a candidate. After our morning service on Feb 25 Elisabeth will discuss the main issues at stake and her own involvement. Please stay and hear Elisabeth.
- **Attention all who READ or would like to read or lead prayers in church!** There will be a training session for anyone interested on Sat March 17th, at the church, 10:00am – 1:00pm, with Eric Foggitt, a speech trainer. Interested? Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- The **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through **Mark's Gospel** meets after church today in the Deaconry Room around 12 noon. Anyone interested in possibly joining this group is welcome to come along.
- **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.
- 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.

Feb 18th: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; **Mark 1:9-15**; 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Feb 25th;; **Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**; Psalm 22:23-31; Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25.

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