

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

October 7th 2018

Preparation: *Silent prayer, 10.00 am, 20 mins, front right of church*

Prelude: God Be Praised and Blessed, Heinrich Scheidemann

Call to Worship and Approach to God

O God, you summon the day to dawn;
you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the valleys will sing for joy,
the trees of the field will clap their hands.
Great is your name, great is your love.

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
Great is your name, great is your love.

Beside still waters you guide our way,
you prepare a table to refresh our souls;
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

❖ **Hymn 139:** *Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him*

❖ **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**

❖ **Lesson:** Job 1:1, 2:1-19 (Old Testament p.464)

❖ **Music in worship:** *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*, J.S. Bach

❖ **Sermon:** *The problem of pain* Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.



❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ Offering & dedication *Andante in F, Louis Vierne*

❖ Hymn 668: *According to thy gracious word*

❖ 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:

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we lift them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	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

... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...

**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

❖ Sharing of bread and wine *Le Banquet Céleste, Olivier Messiaen*

*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*

❖ Prayer

❖ Hymn 130: *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

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

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in e-minor, J.S. Bach

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

At the close of the service we proceed immediately to the Doopsgezinde Singelkerk across the Spui to join other local churches for a hymn and blessing followed by refreshments. Please join us!

A very warm WELCOME to all!

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 Angelina van Gelderen. Prayers of intercession are led by Margaret Richards. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Heleen Koning.

Please note that on the way out there is a retiring collection for the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, which this church supports.

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** this morning as this is an all-age service of Holy Communion.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this Wednesday Oct 10th, 19.30, joint **Taizé service** with our Roman Catholic friends from the Begijnhof Kapel, at the Kapel (directly opposite). All welcome!
- Pastor Lance is planning to run an '**Exploring the Faith**' course (4 weeks) soon. The course looks at the story the Bible tells with a view to understanding what it means to be a Christian. For anyone interested in church membership, baptism, confirmation, or just a refresher course in the Christian faith.
- **This week**, from Friday 12th – Sunday Oct 14th, we are hosting around 40 representatives from **The Church of Scotland International Presbytery**, of which we are a part. Next week's service will be led by the Presbytery and will be followed by a lunch to which all are invited. All are invited to plenary meetings of the Presbytery which will take place here at the church on Friday evening, from 18.00 hrs and Saturday, beginning at 9.30 hrs. The Sunday lunch is a potluck, and food contributions are very welcome. See the sign-up sheet and other information on our notice board and on the ERC website.
- Coming soon: '**pub quiz**': here at the church, Saturday October 27th, 19.00 hrs. Joint quiz evening with the ladies of the Begijnhof, raising funds for the Mulanje Mission Hospital. We need teams to compete – do come along! More information from Thijs Glasz or Pastor Lance.

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

Oct 12th: Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; **Mark 10:17-31**; Hebrews 4:12-16.

Oct 19th: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c; **Mark 10:35-45**; Hebrews 5:1-10.

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