

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

19<sup>th</sup> June 2016



## ***The absence***

*It is this great absence  
that is like a presence, that compels  
me to address it without hope  
of a reply. It is a room I enter*

*from which someone has just  
gone, the vestibule for the arrival  
of one who has not yet come... R.S. Thomas*

## **Preparation:**

*Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

## *Prelude*

*Cantilene, William Faulkes*

## **Welcome and announcements**

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.** *Psalm 42: 1,2,11*

## **Hymn 132**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*



**The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam**  
A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

## and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands** (PKN)

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

*(but 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, for ever. Amen.

## **The Word of God**

### **Children's talk**

**First Lesson:** I Kings 19:1-15a (Old Testament, p.336)

**Hymn 606**

*Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders*

**Second Lesson:** Galatians 3:23-29 (New Testament, p.186)

**Music in worship**

*Viola duets, G. Telemann*

*Anna Lusty, viola; Giles Francis, viola*

**Hymn 609**

*Come, living God, when least expected*

**Sermon** *the sound of silence*

*Pause for Reflection*

## **Response to God's Word**

**Hymn 485**

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Prayers of Intercession

**Offering**

*Viola duets, G. Telemann*

**Prayer of dedication:** **hymn 807**, followed by:

Generous God,

your power is revealed in the wind, the earthquake and the fire;

and your generosity is revealed in your many abundant gifts.

**Take these our offerings, use them for your glory**

**and give us the gift of generous, faithful hearts. Amen.**

**Hymn 562**

*Through the love of God, our Saviour, all will be well*



*Postlude*

*Improvisation on Stuttgart*

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the minister leaves the Church.*

*Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone*

*The reader today is Malcolm Mason .*

*Prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis.*

*Consistory members on duty are Sarah Wang and Thijs Glasz.*

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### *Notices*

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service. If you are here for more than a holiday, we hope you will return again.
  - There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can stay and join us!
  - **Please note** that after the service there is someone available in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for anyone who might wish to be pray ed with.
  - **Children's Ministry:** There is a crèche for children under four years old; please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11, as well as the Junior Church, meet in the ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11. Parents are asked to pick up their children there after the service.
  - **KnitIn: blankets and love for refugees!** On Saturday, 16 July we are holding a KnitIn here in the church from 1:00pm-3:30pm. We will be knitting squares to make into blankets for refugees: passing on some of God's and our love to others in need! We are looking for people to join in on the day to knit, sew, or serve tea and cakes. And before the day we are looking for someone to bake cakes! We also need donations of wool to knit into squares. If you would like to contribute in any way- maybe even knit some squares beforehand (20x20cm)- please get in touch with Gillian Walker by emailing [events@ercadam.nl](mailto:events@ercadam.nl). There are boxes in the vestibule in which to deposit wool donations and knitted squares.
  - Remember that every Sunday there is a **time of prayer** over beside the pulpit, from 10:00am until about 10:20am. Come and pray even if only for a few moments, especially for the service and for the life of our church.
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- Remember that **June 26<sup>th</sup>** is our church picnic in the Beatrix Park, after the service. ALL WELCOME! If you can come please add your name to the list on the notice board in church or contact Thijs Glasz on [events@ercadam.nl](mailto:events@ercadam.nl).
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**Cooking at De Kloof!** *De Kloof* is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church is committed to cooking lunch at the shelter every second Monday of the month. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more about this project, please contact Gillian Walker at [dekloof@ercadam.nl](mailto: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 before the service. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- **This liturgy sheet is available in large print.** If you would like a large print version, please speak to one of the Consistory members on duty.

