

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

June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Preparation:** *Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*  
*Gather for a few moments of silent prayer before the service.*

*Prelude*

*Pavan, Alec Rowley*

## **Welcome and announcements**

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

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

The highest in all creation lives among the least;

**Christ journeys with the rejected  
and welcomes the weary.**

Come now all who hunger

**and be fed with the bread of life.**

Come now all who wander in the wilderness

**and be led by God your liberator.**

Come now all who seek

**and be filled with good things.**

### **Hymn 110**

*Glory be to God the Father*

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 address**

**First Lesson:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 (Old Testament, p.333)

### **Hymn 771**

*If you believe and I believe*



**The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam**

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

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

1. The well was dry, the shelves were bare,  
the land was dead from drought.  
Elijah came, a meal was shared,  
the food did not run out.  
The oil did not run out,  
The meal did not run out.  
Elijah came, a meal was shared  
and food did not run out.
2. A child fell ill, his breath was gone,  
alone his mother cried.  
Elijah prayed, his breath returned  
her only child revived.  
Her only child revived,  
her only child revived,  
Elijah prayed, his breath returned,  
her only child revived.

**Second Lesson:** 1 Kings 17:17-24 (Old Testament, p.334)

**Music in worship**

*I will magnify thee*, G.F. Händel

**Hymn 771** (Chorus and verse 2)

*If you believe and I believe*

**Sermon** *the widow's plight*

*Pause for Reflection*

## Response to God's Word

**Hymn 772**

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful*

Prayers of Intercession

**Offering and dedication:**

*Psalm 139*, Constantijn Huygens

Search me, O God, and know my heart,  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Hymn 657**

*Father most loving, listen to your children*

**Confession of Faith: Hymn 628**, *I believe in God the Father Almighty*

The sharing of the peace, the Invitation and the Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of thanksgiving:

*The Lord be with you  
Lift up your hearts!*

**And also with you.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in 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

*Note that gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are available and  
will be circulated by the minister .*

**Hymn 529** (tune: Warrington)

*Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

**The Blessing** (*Sung Amen*)

*Postlude*

*Concerto no. I, 1<sup>st</sup> movement, Vivaldi/Bach*

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Consistory have left the Church.*

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

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

*The reader today is Joe Alibasah.*

*Prayers of approach are led by Veronica Garcia-Robles.*

*The soloist today is Margaret Richards, mezzo soprano.*

*Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis and Nick Thomas.*

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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.
- Today we celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. There is gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. The wine will be served in small individual cups on the left side of the church (under the flags) and in the common cup in the rest of the church.
- After the service today there is the opportunity to give an offering if you would like to support the **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, a mission our church has supported for many years. This will be a retiring collection at the door as you leave the sanctuary.
- There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can stay and join us!
- **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Danielle Vroom and Carishma Thomas); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led today by Je Corro and Veronica Garcia Robles) and the Junior Church (led by Amy Poon and Floris Harm) meet in the ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11. Parents are asked to pick up their children there after the service.
- Our **Annual Summer Party** will be on Sunday, 26 June. If you would like to attend please add your name to the Summer Party list on the notice board or contact Ingrid Zimmermann-Sørensen after the service or on telephone 020 7701341, or email [mail@in-grids.net](mailto:mail@in-grids.net).
- 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.
- In order to bring more peace to the **Begijnhof** in the evenings, the entrance door to the Spui will be closed off every evening at 18.30 hours, starting Monday, June 6. For evening services, concerts and meetings in the church, the Spui door will be open until a later time.
- **This week:**

**Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> : Coffee Morning** at the home of Sies Plokker.

**Wed June 8<sup>th</sup> , 7.30 pm: Joint Taizé service with Roman Catholic Chapel opposite (here).All welcome.**

**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.

