

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

**August 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**



***‘But you have come to Mt Zion’*** by Richard Stokoe

## **Preparation**

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

***Prelude*** *Cantilena*, Josef Rheinberger

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
**who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**

❖ **Hymn 110**

*Glory be to God the Father*



**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)

*(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**
- ❖ **First Lesson** Daniel 6: 1-2, 6-11 (Old Testament, p.841)
- ❖ **Hymn 145** *God made me as I am*
- ❖ **Second Lesson** Hebrews 12:8-29 (New Testament, p.224)
- ❖ **Music in worship**  
*Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ **Hymn 747** *Jerusalem the golden*
- ❖ **Sermon** *Living on Mt Zion followed by Pause for Reflection*

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

- ❖ **Hymn 469** *Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Andante in F, Louis Vierne*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 808** followed by:  
Gracious God,  
you have given us so much,  
and blessed us in ways unknown to  
our ancestors in the faith.  
**May our gratitude be expressed  
in our giving and in  
lives lived to your glory. Amen**
- ❖ **Hymn 738** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

## **Dismissal with blessing** *(followed by sung Amen)*

**Postlude** *Grand Choeur, Richard Purvis*

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*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
The reader is Jens Anders Wejsmark Sørensen; Prayers of  
Intercession are led by Heleen Koning.  
Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott & Seppo Stout.*



# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments in the church after the service.

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

## 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 for more information. Sunday School does not meet this month.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Next Sunday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**, is our **Church Picnic** after the service at the Beatrix Park. Either sign up on the notice board or give your name to Ingrid Zimmermann Sørensen. Good food, good fellowship – please come!
- **Ecumenical visit to the Hague**, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. We are invited to join the other churches of the Spui (Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Mennonites) for a day outing to the Hague to visit the International Court, Panorama van Mesdag, Spinoza House and the Mennonite church. Lunch included. Please sign up on the notice board or give your name 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](http://www.ercadam.nl).
- **Midweek Fellowship** is taking a break during August.
- Copies of the latest Mulanje Mission Hospital Newsletter **are available at the entrance to the church and on the notice board**.
- Starting in September the monthly family service will be a **family Communion service** the first Sunday of the month in which all baptised people will be invited to share, including children (at their parents' discretion). For those who want to consider the sharing of children in Communion, Pastor Lance has produced a small pamphlet, copies of which are available in the vestibule of the church.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? 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!

## 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 we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

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

Aug 21st : Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; **Hebrews 12:18-29**; Luke 13:10-17

Aug 28th : Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:10-16; Luke 14:1,7-14; **Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16**

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> : Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Luke 14:25-33; **Philemon 1-21**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> : Jeremiah 4:11-22,22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; **Luke 15:1-10**

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## Our Congregation

Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

### Bank Accounts

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## Request for Information

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- Church Membership    Baptisms    Concerts    Sunday School or Crèche  
 Weddings    Funerals    20s30s Group    Church Magazine The Record  
 Mulanje Mission Hospital ([www.mmh.mw](http://www.mmh.mw))    Volunteering

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