

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

August 7th 2016

Preparation: *Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

Prelude *Andante, Alexandre Guilmant*

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

Psalm 50: 1,2,6

Hymn 111

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

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: Genesis 15:1-6 (Old Testament, p.12)

Music in worship *Jesus, my confidence, Joh. Gottfried Walther*

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 (New Testament, p.222)

Hymn 530

One more step along the road I go

Sermon *the substance of faith*

Pause for Reflection



**English Reformed
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A congregation of the Church of Scotland and
the Protestant Church of The Netherlands (PKN)



Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.

Then let them lead me to the place where you re-side.

Response to God's Word

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Lord Christ, God's only son, Georg Philipp Telemann

Dedication

Hymn 662

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

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

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

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

Andante tranquillo Percy Whitlock

Note that the bread is gluten free. Non-alcoholic wine is available and will be circulated by the minister.

Hymn 162

The God of Abraham praise

The Blessing (Sung Amen)

Postlude

Lobe den Herrren J.G. Walther

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Consistory have left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones during the service.*

A very warm WELCOME to all worshipping with us.

Refreshments are served in the church after the service. Please join us.

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

The reader is Carl Darlington.

Prayers of intercession are led by Veronica Garcia Robles.

Consistory members on duty are Peggy Krol & Thorsten König.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
 - **Children's Ministry** 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.
 - Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with.**
 - 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.
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- **Rwanda Testimony:** Joss Umuganwa is offering to share her remarkable testimony of how her life was spared during the genocide in Rwanda in 1994 next Sunday, August 14th at 1.00 pm. This will include a short television documentary filmed at our church and some songs. If you wish to attend please sign up on the notice board OR email Joss at assistantjumuganwa@gmail.com. You might bring along some food to share, if you'd like.
 - Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of 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!** 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
 - 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

Below are Bible readings for the coming weeks' services. 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 at the start of the service.

You might like to follow these readings during the week as a Bible Reading discipline, especially the passage in **bold type** which we will be focusing on in our service.

Aug 14th : Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19, **Hebrews 11:29-12;2**; Luke 12:49-56

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.**

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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.

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 Sunday School or Crèche Weddings Funerals 20s30s Group
 Church Magazine *The Record* Mulanje Mission Hospital (www.mmh.mw)

I would like the Minister to contact me: Please note my change of address:

Name:

Address.....

Postcode: Town.....

Telephone..... Email