

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

September 11<sup>th</sup> 2016



***Seeking the Lost*** by Morag MacDougall

**Preparation:**        *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*  
                             *Prelude        Prelude no 2 in G, F. Mendelssohn*

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

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
**if I were to give a burnt offering,**  
**you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
**a broken and contrite heart, O God,**  
**you will not despise.**

❖ **Hymn 124:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

❖ **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: Luke 15:1-10 (New Testament, p.75)
- ❖ Hymn 462: *The King of Love my Shepherd is*
- ❖ Second Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (New Testament, p.205)
- ❖ **Music in Worship** *Mercy, Pity, Peace & Love*, G. McKay, text W. Blake
- ❖ Hymn 30: *I waited for the Lord my God*
- ❖ Sermon: *the angels' joy* followed by *Pause for Reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 555: *Amazing grace!*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*, John Hilton
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 806 followed by:

Gracious God,  
all that we have comes from you.

**We return to you these tokens  
of our gratitude and dedicate ourselves  
to the work of your Kingdom. Amen**

1. I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who dies for me -  
how He left the realms of glory  
for the cross of Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me -  
sing it with the saints in glory  
gathered by the crystal sea.
2. I was lost but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but His presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.
3. He shall keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then He'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me -  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

*Words: Francis Harold Rawley; music Rowland Pritchard, c. Harper Collins Religious*

## Dismissal with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in C, J.S. Bach

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

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

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

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. The reader is Morag MacDougall; Prayers of Intercession are led by Sally Stone. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Thorsten König.*

*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. Today will be the last day that our **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** classes will be held at the ABC Treehouse. Starting Sunday, Sept. 18th the classes will once again be held at our church hall on the Niewezijds Voorburgwal 282A, where parents are asked to pick up their children after the service.
- Our service sheets feature **illustrations by artists in the congregation**. Are there any more artists who might like to contribute? Please speak to Lance.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week is a **Taizé** service here in the church on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. This is a joint service with the Roman Catholic Chapel across from us. All welcome!
- Pastor Lance is planning to run an **enquirers' course** for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith, church membership, baptism or confirmation. Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board if you might be interested.
- Please note that Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> is our **Harvest Thanksgiving** and the service will be followed by a potluck lunch.
- Copies of the latest Mulanje Mission Hospital Newsletter **are available at the entrance to the church and on the notice board**.
- **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!
- 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).

## 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.

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> : **Amos 8:1-7**; Psalm 79:1-9; Luke 16:1-13; 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> : Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; Luke 16:19-31; 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> : Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10; **1 Timothy 1:1-14**.

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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.

### Bank Accounts

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## Request for Information

I would like information about:

- Church Membership  Baptisms  Concerts  Sunday School or Crèche   
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Mulanje Mission Hospital ([www.mmh.mw](http://www.mmh.mw))  Volunteering

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