

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

October 16th 2016



Jacob wrestling with the angel by Marc Chagall

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: God be praised and blessed, Heinrich Scheidemann

Call to Worship and Approach to God

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us. Psalm 123:1-2

❖ **Hymn 210:** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

- ❖ **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:** Genesis 32:22-31 (Old Testament, p.31)
- ❖ **Hymn 600:** *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*
- ❖ **Second Lesson** Luke 18:1-8 (New Testament, p.78)
- ❖ **Music in Worship** *Lord, make me to know thy ways, William Byrd*
- ❖ **Hymn 81:** *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*
- ❖ **Sermon** *followed by Pause for Reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 534:** *Make me a captive, Lord*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *The 1st Psalm, Denes Agay*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 810** followed by:
 God of Jacob, giver of blessing,
 we praise you for all your gifts
 so freely given.
**In gratitude we offer all that we have
 and all that we are,
 in the service of your Kingdom. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 123:** *God is love: let heaven adore him (Tune: Blauenwern)*

Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*



Postlude

We believe in one God, Samuel Scheidt

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*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
 Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. The reader is Mike Zuber; Prayers of Intercession are led by Giles Francis.

Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis & Sarah Wang .

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** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal (see map on back of this service sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service.
- **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 the fourth in the series 'The Story of God', based on the TV series presented by Morgan Freeman. Wednesday evening, 7.30 pm at Quellijnstraat 126-A. All welcome!
- Get involved with the annual **Mulanje Mission fundraising event:** Thurs Dec 8th, 7.30 pm, Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'! We need **you** to contribute to a Victorian evening of story-telling, singing, stalls. Speak to Sally Stone or sign up on one of the sheets on the bulletin board. Raffle prizes of all sizes are needed: speak to Emma Oosterling.
- There will be a short **church meeting** over coffee after next week's service: an opportunity to catch up on things happening in our 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 Tom Flanagan: 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.

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.

Oct 23rd : Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; **Luke 18:9-14**; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.

Oct 30th : Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; **Luke 19:1-10**;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12.

Nov 6th : Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Luke 20:27-38;

2 Thessalonians 2:1-54, 13-17

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