

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

November 13th 2016



Preparation:

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am

Prelude: Benedictus, Alec Rowley

Introit:

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace, Wm. Appling

Call to Worship and Approach to God

God is our refuge and our strength,
a timely help in trouble.

He breaks the bow, he snaps the spear,
he burns the shield in the fire.

**Come, see what the Lord has done
in every part of the wide world
he puts an end to war**

**Stop fighting: learn that I am God,
exalted among the nations,
exalted in the earth. Psalm 46: 1,8-11**

❖ **Hymn 36:**

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❖ **Prayer of approach** (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

❖ Introduction to the silence:

They shall grow not old
as we are that left grow old,
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post

The Silence & Prayer

❖ First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Old Testament, p.706)

❖ Choir:

Tenting Tonight, Walter Kittredge

❖ Second Lesson:

Luke 7:18-23 (New Testament, p.63)

❖ Hymn485 (omit v.3, choir v.4):

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

❖ Sermon *how the light gets in*

followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ Hymn 715:

Behold! the mountain of the Lord

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ Offering

Choir: *The Mansions of the Lord*, Nick Glennie-Smith
Ivo van Gennip, trumpet; Kelsey Graham, drum;
Brian Fieldhouse, organ

❖ Dedication:

Gracious God,
you offer us hope for our troubled world.
**Take and use us and these offerings
as channels of your peace,
to your honour and glory. Amen**

❖ Hymn 266:

God the Omnipotent!

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude:

Voluntary on "Old 124th", H.A. Matthews

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

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 Anne Harcourt Brown; the Prayers of Intercession are led by Reint Huizinga. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Nick Thomas.

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 Voorburgwaal (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 last 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!
- Save the date!: make your Christmas puddings at our **Stir-up Sunday** on 20 November after the service at the church hall! More info from Pamela Woolley.
- **Midweek Fellowship** on **Wednesday November 30th** will be a service of prayers for healing in the style of the Iona Community.
- 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 etc. Speak to Sally Stone or sign up on the bulletin board. Raffle prizes of all sizes are needed: speak to Sally or Emma Oosterling.
- **Children's Christmas Party** on Dec 10th, 3.00 – 5.00 pm. Any volunteers to provide some food? Please speak to Veronica, our Lay Assistant.
- Interested in **outreach to refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker on gillian.walker@tele2.nl.
- **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.

Nov 20th : Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; **Luke 23:33-43**; Colossians 1:11-20
Nov 27th : **Isaiah 2:1-5**; Psalm 122; Matthew 24:36-44; Romans 13:11-14.

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