

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

November 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Preparation:** *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*  
*Prelude: Variations on a bass by Corelli, Joh. Gottfried Walther*

## Call to Worship and Approach to God

From the rising of the sun                      In the visions of the old  
till its setting in the West,                      and the dreaming of the young,  
**God’s holy name be praised.      God’s holy name be praised.**

On the lips of children,                      In the banquet hall of heaven  
by babies at the breast,                      and in earth’s gifts of bread and wine,  
**God’s holy name be praised.      Let everything that has breath praise God.**

❖ **Hymn 100:**                      *O Lord, thou art my God and King*

❖ **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:**                      Haggai 1:15b-2:9 (OT p.893)

❖ **Music in worship**                      *Ave verum*, W.A. Mozart

❖ **Second Lesson:**                      2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; 13-17 (NT p.203)

❖ **Hymn 473:**                      *‘Thy kingdom come!’ – on bended knee*

❖ **Sermon**                      *followed by pause for reflection*

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your... king - dom. The

## Response to God's Word

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering & dedication** *Come, thou font of every blessing, D.E. Wagner*

❖ **Hymn 659:** *Put peace into each other's hands*

❖ **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 life them up to the Lord**  
*Let us give thanks*      **It is right to give**  
*to the Lord our God*      **our thanks and praise**

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join 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** *Rejoice in the Lord always, H. Purcell*  
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 484:** *Great God, your love has called us here*

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



*Postlude*      *Toccata in G, W.H.Pachelbel; "Jig" fugue, D. Buxtehude*

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

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# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments after the service. There will be a short church meeting over coffee after the service. Please stay!

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
The guest instrumentalists today are Robert Cekov & Giles Francis, violin;  
Connie de Dreu, viola; and Mieke van Loon, cello.*

*The reader is Gabriel Morrison; prayers of intercession are led by Sarah Wang. Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott & Seppo Stout .*

## 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: Joint Taizé service** with the Begijnhofkapel across the yard from us, 7.30 pm in their chapel. Come and try this very different style of worship.
- Get involved with the annual **Mulanje Mission fundraising event:** Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- Pastor Lance will be running a 4 part **'Exploring the Faith'** course in November. Interested in church membership, confirmation, baptism or just a refresher course in the Christian faith? More details from Lance.
- Interested in **outreach to refugees?** Contact Gillian Walker on [gillian.walker@tele2.nl](mailto:gillian.walker@tele2.nl).
- Save the date!: make your Christmas puddings at our **Stir-up Sunday** on 20 November! More info from Pamela Woolley.
- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl)
- 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.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> : **Isaiah 65:17-25**; Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> : Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; **Luke 23:33-43**; Colossians 1:11-20

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> : **Isaiah 2:1-5**; Psalm 122; Matthew 24:36-44; Romans 13:11-14.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> : **Isaiah 11:1-10**; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Matthew 3:1-12; Romans 15:4-13

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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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