

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

January 1st 2017

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: How brightly shines the morning star, D. Buxtehude

Call to Worship and Approach to God

O lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
When I look at the heavens,
the work of your fingers,
what are human beings that you
are mindful of them and care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honour.**

Psalm 8:1,3-5

❖ **Hymn 320:** *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

❖ **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**

❖ **First Lesson** Ecclesiastes 3:10-13 (Old Testament, p.627)

❖ **Music in worship:** *God's time is the best*, J.S. Bach/arr. A. Guilment

❖ **Second Lesson:** Matthew 25:31-40 (New Testament, p.27)

❖ **Hymn 316:** *Love came down at Christmas*

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

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 774:** *Jesus, name above all names*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering** *How brightly shines the morning star, J. Pachelbel*

❖ **Dedication**

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them: they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them:
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more:
Mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
For the former things have passed away.
See, I am making all things new!

❖ **Hymn 327:** *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

❖ **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**

*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 319, omit v.4,5:** *Of the Father's love begotten*

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



Postlude: *O hail this brightest day of days, J. S. Bach*

*Please remain in place until the Consistory have 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 the Rev David McMillan, who with his wife Dorothy is a regular attendee here at the ERC. David and Dorothy are seconded by BMS World Mission to work here in Amsterdam with the International Baptist Theological Seminary. David served as a minister in Northern Ireland for 22 years.

The reader today is Henry Woolley.

Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Giles Francis.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- After the service today there is the opportunity to contribute to the Mission Collection with which we send support to **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door for more information. There is no **Sunday School** today as this is a family Communion service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- Pastor Lance is in the UK until Tuesday January 3rd.
- **Midweek Fellowship** resumes **this Wednesday, January 4th at 7.30 pm**, with a Bible Study at 9-11, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. We are beginning a series on Matthew's Gospel, which will be featuring in our morning services. All welcome.
- 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
- The **International Federation for Family Development** is devoted to the enrichment of family and married life, including support for parenting. They would be willing run workshops for us on these topics if there is interest in our church. Please speak to Lance if you would like more information.
- 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.
- 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 or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Jan 8th: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; **Matthew 3:13-17**; Acts 10:34-43.

Jan 15th: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; **John 1:29-42**; 11 Corinthians 1:1-9.

Jan 22nd: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; **Matthew 4:12-23**; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18.

Jan 29th: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; **Matthew 5:1-12**; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

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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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