

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

January 15th 2017



‘What are you looking for?’

Preparation:

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Prelude: Prélude et Cantilène, Samuel Rousseau*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.**

Psalm 40:1-3

❖ **Hymn 202:**

Stand up and bless the Lord

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**

❖ **Lesson:** John 1:29-42 (New Testament, p.88)

❖ **Hymn 559:** *There is a redeemer*

❖ **Lesson:** Isaiah 49:1-7 (Old Testament, p.689)

Music in worship: *O Taste and See*, R. Vaughan Williams
Nina Schroeder, solo

❖ **Hymn 509:** *Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea*

❖ **Sermon** *what are you looking for?* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 188:** *Thou hidden Love of God, whose height*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering** *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*, Ipolitof-Ivanof

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 813 followed by:**

Come and see
all that God has given us;
come and hear God's call to follow Jesus.

**Take and use these gifts and us
that the world may see and hear of
your kingdom. Amen.**

❖ **Hymn 533:** *Will you come and follow me?*

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



Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in a-min., J.S. Bach*

*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 Nick Thomas; Prayers of Intercession are led by Gillian Walker.

Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & 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: Bible Study** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 7.30 pm. Continuing our studies in Matthew's Gospel.
- Coming soon – **Burns Supper** on **Saturday January 28th at 7 pm**. Cost: €10; venue: 4 Handboogstraat (across the Spui). Please sign up on the notice board or give your name to Lance or Thijs Glasz if you would like to come. Celebrate Scotland's national poet whatever your nationality and why not bring a sing or a poem or a reading to share?
- 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.
- 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 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.

Feb 5th : Isaiah 58:3-12; Psalm 112:1-10; **Matthew 5:13-20**; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

Feb 12th ; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; Matthew 5:21-37;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9.

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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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