

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

January 22nd 2017



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

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

❖ **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:** Matthew 4:12-23 (New Testament, p.3)

❖ **Hymn 448:** *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

❖ **Lesson:** Psalm 27:1, 4 -14 (Old Testament, p.514)

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- ⁴ **One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover
of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
- ⁶ **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
- ⁸ **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”.
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation..**
- ¹⁰ If my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord.
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- ¹² **Do not give me up to the will of.
my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me
and they are breathing out violence.**
- ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living,
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the Lord
be strong and let your
heart take courage.
Wait for the Lord!**

Music in worship: *Medio registro alto de primer tono, F. Peraza*

- ❖ **Hymn 135:** *O laughing light, O first-born of creation*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *a light in Galilee followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 543:** *Longing for light, we wait in darkness*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Meditation, Flor Peeters*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 813 followed by:**
O God you bless our lives
with abundance and we are grateful.
**In giving generously
and striving for justice
may we bring light to the world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 456:** *Christ is the world's true light*

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

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in g-minor, 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, Revd Dr Lance Stone.

Prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes Smart; the Scriptures are read by Giles Francis.

Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning & 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 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:** Men's group and Ladies' Fellowship. Men meet at the Café Luxembourg on the Spui, Thursday at 7.30 pm.
- **Next Saturday, January 28th at 7 pm – Burns Supper.** 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, and why not bring a song or a poem or a reading to share?
- The **Junior Church** are collecting socks and underwear for the homeless, for a project they're doing. Please bring donations of these (new) items and place them in the box by the entrance door of the church. Thank you!
- On January 28 in the afternoon a tribute to **John Tilleard** will be held in our church. All who knew John are invited to share this special gathering with music and memories. Please speak to Richard or Heleen.
- Churches in Amsterdam have joined forces to **support refugees**. Football mat5ches are being organized! A way of exercising AND providing refugees with the opportunity of meeting local people and making friends. The first match will be either 24 or 25 March. Level of fitness, age, sex are irrelevant. If you fancy joining in – striker, goalie or maybe even ref!- just let Michael Blazey or Gillian Walker know, at: gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com; michael.blazey@online.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 at: deklloof@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.

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 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.

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