

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

February 26th 2017



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: O God, thou faithful God, Johannes Brahms

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Fill this space with songs of love,
fill this moment with eager hearts,
fill this gathering with your Spirit,
as we meet with you here.

For you are who we long to know;
and this is how we yearn to live.

God, we come as we are,
expectant, waiting, longing,
looking for eternity among us,
God with us.

❖ **Hymn 127:** *O worship the King, all glorious above*

❖ **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
- ❖ Baptism of *Edlyn Binsem Ngah*
Hymn 577: *Christ be before you*
- ❖ Lesson: Matthew 17: 1-9 (New Testament, p.17)
- ❖ Music in Worship *Lord Christ, God's only son*, D. Buxtehude
- ❖ Lesson: Exodus 24:12-28 (Old Testament, p.72)
- ❖ Hymn 189: *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
- ❖ Sermon: *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 353: *Bright the cloud and bright the glory*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Chorale prelude on "Bevan", Healey Willan*
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 811 followed by:
Gracious God,
all that we have comes from you,
all that is returns to you:
**Take these gifts, we pray,
and use them and us
for your glory. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 355: *You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd*

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



Postlude: *Voluntary in F*, John Bennett

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

*Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Heleen Koning. Consistory members on duty are
Laura Elliott & Nick Thomas.
A special welcome to the family and friends of Edlyn Ngah who is
being baptised today.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

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.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **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.
- **Midweek Fellowship this week:** continuing our **Bible Studies** on Matthew's Gospel at 9-Il Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 7.30 pm.
- **LENT** begins this week with **Ash Wednesday** and there will be a **service of imposition of Ashes** at the Krijtberg Roman Catholic Church on the Singel at 5.30 pm. All welcome.

Also, here are two suggestions for Lent:

- ❖ There will be daily a Bible reading, reflection and prayer on the church website. Perhaps commit to doing this?
- ❖ Participate in a techno-fast! One day per week (you choose which), turn off your devices so as to abstain from texting, checking emails and the internet. Further suggestion: give a donation to the Mulanje Mission Hospital for each day you succeed and sign up on the notice board to say you are doing this.
- Friday is the **World Day of Prayer** and there will be an informal service here on **Friday** (March 3rd) at 11 am. All welcome. The service includes a profile of the Philippines under the title '*Am I being unfair to you?*'
- Churches in Amsterdam are joining forces to **support refugees**. Football matches are being organized! The first matches will be on Sunday 26th 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*
- Anyone interested in a 4 week 'Exploring the Faith' course, looking at the story the Bible tells and how we fit into it? For anyone considering baptism, confirmation, church membership. Speak to Lance.
- **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*
- 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.

March 5th : **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**; Psalm 32; **Matthew 4:1-11**; Romans 5:12-19.

March 12th : Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; **John 3:1-17**; Romans 4:1-5,13-17

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