

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

July 2nd 2017

Service including Holy Communion

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: *Out of the depth I cry unto thee, J. Pachelbel*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least;

**Christ journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**

Come now all who hunger

and be fed with the bread of life.

Come now all who wander in the wilderness

and be led by God your liberator.

Come now all who seek

and be filled with good things.

❖ **Hymn 184:** *Sing to the Lord a joyful song*

❖ **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:** Exodus 12:1-14 (Old Testament, p.60)

❖ **Music in worship:** *When we're in the hour of utmost need, J.S. Bach*

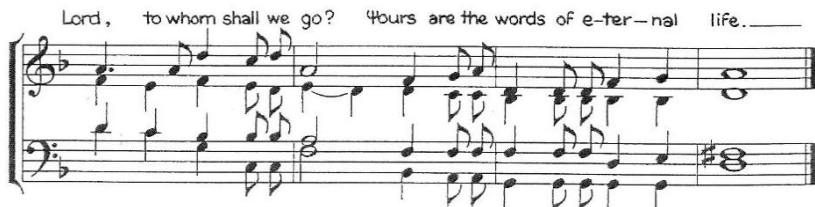
❖ **Lesson:** Romans 6:12-23 (New Testament, p.152)

❖ **Hymn 605:** *Thanks to God whose word was spoken*

❖ **Sermon:** *The story of our lives* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of eternal life.



- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication** *Fugue in c-minor, Jean Jacques Charpentier*
- ❖ **Hymn 484:** *Great God, your love has called us here*
- ❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
- ❖ **The Peace, 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 lift 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** *Adagio molt, A. Guilmant*
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 167:** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

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

Postlude: *Keep us, Lord, by thy word, D. Buxtehude*

Please remain in place until the minister and Consistory have left the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phones.

Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.

*Scripture reader is Willem Glasz . Prayers of intercession are led by
Pamela Woolley.*

Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis & Heleen Koning.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

In our church Holy Communion is offered to all ages, including all the baptised and those who look to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

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.
- As today is an all-age Communion service there is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** as children stay in church for the whole service.
- Today you are also welcome to donate to the hospital we support in Malawi, the **Mulanje Mission Hospital**, if you would like to do so. There will be a retiring collection for this.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- This week's **midweek Fellowship: Bible Study** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat: Continuing our studies on the Book of Exodus, looking at chapters 14-16.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com or Michael Blazey on michael.blazey@online.nl. Thanks to all who attended the football tournament for refugees yesterday, and all who helped organize!
- Coming soon: Tuesday July 18th, 7:30pm here in the church: service commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of **the novelist Jane Austen**. Tickets cost €10. More information from Pastor 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. Volunteers needed for Monday, July 10th!
- 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. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- 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. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

July 9th : Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Matthew 10:40-42; Romans 6:12-23

July 16th : Genesis 24:34-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30;
Romans 7:15-25a

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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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