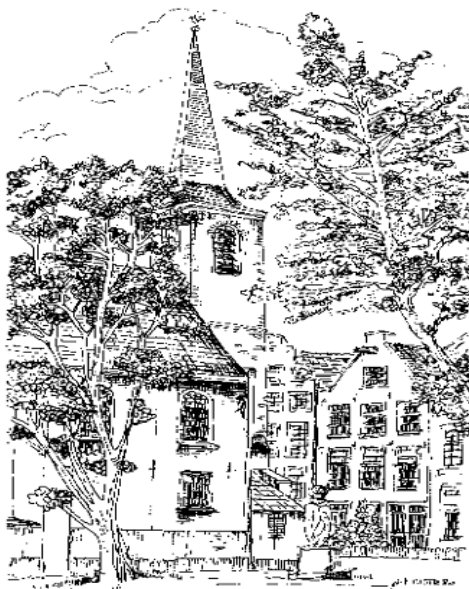


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

July 30th 2017



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: Cantilena angelica de fortuna, Samuel Scheidt

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
How good it is, how wonderful
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.
Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths will declare your praise.

❖ **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**

❖ **Hymn 213**

Every new morning

❖ **Lesson:**

Romans 8: 26-39 (New Testament, p.154)

❖ **Music in worship:**

Jesus, my Assurance, Joh. Gottfried Walther

❖ **Lesson:**

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 (New Testament, p.14)

❖ **Hymn 600**

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

❖ **Sermon**

Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 565:**

My life flows on in endless song

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering**

Tale, Flor Peeters

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 807**

❖ **Hymn 252:**

As a fire is meant for burning

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

The image shows a musical score for the 'Amen' response. It consists of two staves: a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line has the lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - - - men.' written below it. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic background with chords and moving lines.

Postlude:

Fugue in g-minor, BWV 578, J.S. Bach

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phones.

Our service is led this morning by the Rev. John Bell. Scripture reader is Thijs Polstra. Consistory members on duty today are Jaap Maas & Nick Thomas.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- We welcome back the **Rev. John Bell** from the Iona community as our preacher for the next three Sundays while Pastor Lance is on holiday. Rev. Bell will be living in the manse and offering pastoral cover. Pastor Lance returns for the August 20th service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal (see map on back of this sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service. **Junior Church** meets at the door of the church.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Queen Maria Day celebration:** anyone interested in this event celebrating the feminine and the divine on August 22nd see the notice board for further details
- **27 August: Summer potluck picnic!** This year we will enjoy the last Sunday of summer breaking bread with people from the World House in their garden (Nieuwe Herengracht 20). Bring your favourite dish to share!
- **29-30 September:** autumn/winter clothing **Swap and Shop!** Bring in clothing, shoes and accessories *in good condition* (no undergarments or socks) throughout the month of September. On the evening of 29 September you can come help set everything up and on 30 September we will invite refugees to shop. More details to follow.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- **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. 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.
- This liturgy sheet is available in the vestibule in **large print**.

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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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 Weddings 20s30s Group Church Magazine Mulanje Mission

Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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