

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

August 20th 2017



Preparation:

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Prelude: Cantilena, Joseph Rheinberger

Call to Worship and Approach to God

How good and lovely it is
to live together in unity.

**Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.**

If the Lord's disciples were silent,
these stones would shout aloud.

**Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise**

❖ **Hymn 106:** *Bring to the Lord a glad new 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:** Matthew 15:21-28 (New Testament, p.16)
- ❖ **Hymn 517:** *Fight the good fight with all your might*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *If thou but suffer God to guide thee*, F.W. Marpurg
- ❖ **Lesson:** Genesis 45:1-15 (Old Testament, p.43)
- ❖ **Hymn 624:** *In Christ there is no east or west*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *grace and generosity* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 187:** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Lord Christ, God's only son*, G.Ph. Telemann
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 806** followed by:
Loving God,
your grace and generosity exceed all limits.
**We offer ourselves and these gifts
to you for the work of your Kingdom.
Make us generous in our self-giving,
that your will may be done through us. Amen**
- ❖ **Hymn 622:** *We sing a love that sets all people free*

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



Postlude: Toccata in D-minor, Johann Jacob Froberger

*Please remain in place until the minister has 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 George Meeerveld. Prayers of intercession are
led by Thorsten König.
Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning & Peggy Krol.*

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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** during this month of August.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Next Sunday, 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! There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board.
- **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 **large print** in the vestibule.

Bible Readings for next week:

August 27th: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Matthew 16:13-20; Romans 12:1-8

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