

Response to God's Word

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name;
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication** *Sweet moments, rich in blessing, David Johnson*
- ❖ **Hymn 238:** *Lord, bring the day to pass*
- ❖ **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 life 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** *Ps. 23, Richard Warner*
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 617:** *Great and deep the Spirit's purpose*

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

Postlude: *God of heaven and earth, J.G. Walther*

*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. This is an all-age Communion service. All the baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake. Scripture reader is Veronica Garcia Robles. Prayers of intercession are led by Claire Zweers. Consistory members on duty are Ingrid Sörensen & Pamela Woolley.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- After the service today there is the opportunity to donate to the hospital we support in Malawi, the **Mulanje Mission Hospital**.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** as all stay in the service for Holy Communion.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- After the service anyone in the 20s – 30s age-group are invited to go for lunch. Speak to Lance if you need details.
- The monthly **meeting of Consistory** takes place at 7:30pm tomorrow evening in the church.
- The October **Coffee Morning** will take place this Tuesday from 10:30am at the home of Janet Donszelmann. For more information see George Meerveld or Pastor Lance.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: **Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:30pm** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Continuing studies in Exodus.
- Our church is invited to join in this year's '**Kerkenpad**' (Churches Path) trip on 5 October, along with other churches around the Spui. This year the trip is called *Luther's Utrecht*, and takes in some spots important to the Reformation in the Netherlands 500 years ago. See Pastor Lance or sign up on the bulletin board. Gather 8.30 – 9.00 am at the back of Amstel Station. Returning 18.30 hrs.
- On **Sunday October 22nd at 2.30 pm** there will be a gathering here as part of **our 500th anniversary of the Reformation celebrations**. Residents of the Begijnhof, members of the Roman Catholic Chapel across the yard and our church will gather to remember the history of the Begijnhof and for some refreshments. Please join us for this opportunity for friendship and fellowship amongst these communities based here at the Begijnhof.
- Tickets are now on sale for the **2017 Mulanje Mission Hospital Benefit Concert** which is on Friday, 17 November at 7:30pm. Go to ercadam.nl/mmhconcert2017 or see Ingrid for more information!
- **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.

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.

Oct 8th: **Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20**; Psalm 19; Matthew 21:33-46; Philippians 3:4b-14

Oct 15th: **Exodus 32:1-14**; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23; Matthew 22:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9

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Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

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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- Church Membership
- Baptisms
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- Sunday School or Crèche
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- 20s30s Group
- Church Magazine
- Mulanje Mission Hospital (www.mmh.mw)
- Volunteering

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