

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

September 17th 2017



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude

Call to Worship and Approach to God

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

**The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.**

The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob. Psalm 114:1-4,7**

❖ **Hymn 152:** *Praise the Lord, his glories show*

❖ **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
- ❖ Baptisms of Balazs Bistey, Ahmed Hassan, Fang Xiaobing
- ❖ Hymn 597: *Loving Spirit, loving Spirit*
- ❖ Lesson: Exodus 14:19 – 31 (Old Testament, p.63)
- ❖ Music in worship
- ❖ Lesson: Romans 6:1-4 (New Testament, p.152)
- ❖ Hymn 61: *Oh, sing a new song to the Lord*
- ❖ Sermon: *the life of the baptised* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 255: *Father, hear the prayer we offer*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ **Offering and Dedication: Hymn 809** followed by:
Loving God, liberator God,
who parts the waters of death
and sets the captives free,
we offer ourselves
and these our gifts to you,
to be used in your service
and to the glory of your name. Amen
- ❖ Hymn 465: *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart*

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



Postlude

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 Anna Stokoe . Prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Ingrid Sørensen.

*Please note that there will be a **church meeting** after the service, which will end by 1:00pm. Rev Cor Ofman will talk about the work of the World House with refugees, with which our church is closely associated.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

- We welcome **Edith Yam** as our guest organist today.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui square. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- Please note that **next Sunday, September 24th**, is our **Harvest Thanksgiving** celebration and the service will be followed by a potluck lunch. See the sign-up sheet on the notice board to indicate which dish(es) you can bring. We hope you can come!
- **Calling all ERC men!** We are organizing a bowling evening on Thursday, 28 September. We will assemble around 7:45pm at Knijn Bowling, Scheldeplein 3. Because we have to reserve in advance, let Jaap Maas know at least two days before. It will be good to see each other again!
- The Ladies' Fellowship will meet a week early this month, on Thurs., 21 Sept. We will be meeting at Jer Corro's home at 6:30pm. For more info, please contact Peggy Krol.
- **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. You can give these to Pamela Woolley, Judi Haynes-Smart, Thijs Glasz or Sally Stone. Please join us on 29 September (from 18:30) to help set up and come along on 30 September when refugees will be invited to shop and you can swap. Plenty of help needed—please sign up on bulletin board!
- 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. If you would like to visit Catharijne Convent, Lutheran Church in Utrecht and have Vespers in the Wartburg Chapel, see Pastor Lance or sign up on the bulletin board.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- Interested in joining a **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through Mark's Gospel? Especially (though not exclusively) aimed at Christians who are young in the faith and keen to learn. Speak to 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.

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.

Sept 24th: Exodus 16:2-15; Palm 105:1-6,37-45; **Matthew 20:1-16**; Philippians 1:21-30
Oct 1st: **Exodus 17:1-7**; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Matthew 21:23-32; Philippians 2:1-13.

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