

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

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017



## **Preparation:**

*Prelude: Communion, Cesar Franck*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

From the rising of the sun  
till its setting in the West,  
**God's holy name be praised.**

On the lips of children,  
by babies at the breast,  
**God's holy name be praised.**

In the visions of the old  
and the dreaming of the young,  
**God's holy name be praised.**

In the banquet hall of heaven  
and in earth's gifts of bread and wine,  
**Let everything that has breath  
praise God.**

### ❖ **Hymn 157:**

*Sing of the Lord's goodness!*

### ❖ **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 3:1-15 (Old Testament, p.51)

### ❖ **Music in worship:**

*Alone to God in the Highest be glory, J.S. Bach*

### ❖ **Lesson:**

Romans 12:9-21 (New Testament, p.158)

- ❖ **Hymn 609:** *Come, living God, when least expected*
- ❖ **Sermon** *Followed by pause for reflection*

## **Response to God's Word**

- ❖ **Hymn 754** (remain seated): *Be still and know that I am God*
- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication** *O God and Lord, Joh. Gottfried Walther*
- ❖ **Hymn 189:** *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
- ❖ **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:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	<b>and also with you</b>
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	<b>we lift them up to the Lord</b>
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	<b>It is right to give</b>
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	<b>our thanks and praise</b>
- ... 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** *Solo di flauto, Filippo Capacci*  
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and  
 alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 198:** *Let us build a house where love can dwell*

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

*Postlude:* *Toccata in A-minor, Jan Pieter Sweelinck*

*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 Rev David McMillan.*

*Our minister, Lance, his wife Sally, our treasurer Thorsten König and his wife Astrid are visiting the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi which this church supports. There is an opportunity after the service to give to support this hospital.*

*Scripture reader this morning is Gabriel Cavert Morrison. Prayers of intercession are led by Rev Dr Stuart Blythe.*

*Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & 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.
- 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**.
- There will be a **church meeting** on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> after the service when Rev. Cor Ofman will talk about the work of the World House with refugees which our church is closely associated with.
- **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, or Sally Stone. Please join us on 29 September to help set up and on 30 September when refugees will be invited to shop. For information or to get involved, contact Pamela ([pw@pamela-woolley.com](mailto:pw@pamela-woolley.com)).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ercadam.nl).
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the church vestibule.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>: Exodus 12:1-11; Palm 149; **Matthew 18:15-20**; Romans 13:8-14

Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; **Matthew 18:21-35**; Romans 14:1-12

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