

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

22 October 2017



*“Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s,
and to God the things that are God’s.”*

Matthew 22:21

Preparation

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue, and Variation - César Franck

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he! *Psalm 99:1-3*

❖ **Hymn 124** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

❖ **Prayer** (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
- ❖ Welcome into membership of Sascha Sizoo-Adema and Bram Sizoo
- ❖ Hymn 501 *Take this moment, sign and space*
- ❖ First Lesson *Matthew 22:15-22 (NT, p.23)*
- ❖ *Music in Worship* *If thou but suffer God to guide thee (J.S. Bach)*
- ❖ Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NT, p.200)*
- ❖ Hymn 470 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*
- ❖ Sermon *God and Caesar* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 450 *Join all the glorious names*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Flute piece - William Hine*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 110 (verse 1) followed by:**
Loving God,
You provide the world with all its needs,
and you call us to be faithful stewards of your bounty.
**Through us and through these offerings
may your rule prevail over your world. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 264 *Judge eternal, throned in splendour*

Valediction and blessing

Postlude

Wir glauben all an einen Gott - Samuel Scheidt

*Please remain in place until the preacher has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phone during the service*

*Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Dorothy MacMillan.*

*Prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart.
Consistory members on duty are Gillian Walker and Judi Haynes-Smart*

Please note today, at 2.30 pm, 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, to enjoy some music and refreshments. Please join us for this opportunity for friendship and fellowship amongst these communities based here at the Begijnhof.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments here in the church after the service.

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 for more information. **Sunday School and Junior Church** held at the Handboogsteeg 4, the hall of the Lutheran church. Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for anyone wishing to be prayed with.
- Next weekend **daylight savings time ends**. The clock will go back an hour in the night from Saturday to Sunday.
- 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.
- 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.
- We need more people to help on the **coffee rota**. This is a vital ministry. Please take a turn and sign up on the notice board.
- **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 before the service. 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.

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 we will focus upon is in **bold** type. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Oct 29th: **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; Matthew 22:34-46;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Nov 5th : Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; Matthew 23:1-12;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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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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 I would like information about:

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

I would like the Minister to contact me:

Please note my change of address:

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