

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

November 5th 2017

Preparation:

Prelude:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach

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.

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

On the lips of children,
by babies at the breast,
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 179** (*tune Darwall's 148th, hymn 449*): *Ye holy angels bright*

❖ **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:**

Joshua 3:7-17 (Old Testament, p.201)

❖ **Music in worship:**

Andante in F, Louis Vierne

❖ **Lesson:**

Matthew 23:1-12 (Old Testament, p.24)

❖ **Hymn 71 (psalm 107):**

Give thanks unto the Lord our God

❖ **Sermon:** *The Corruption of Power* Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum (*sing praise to God all you people*)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system of music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
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❖ Prayers of intercession

❖ Offering & dedication

Hornpipe, Samuel Wesley

❖ Hymn 669: *O Thou, who at they Eucharist didst pray*

❖ 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 lift 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 *Voluntary on "Song one" by Orlando Gibbons, Mark Jones*

Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.

❖ Prayer

❖ Hymn 120:

God we praise you, God we bless you

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



Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in G, J.S. Bach

*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 Angelina van Gelderen. Prayers of intercession are led by Margaret Richards. Consistory members on duty are Peggy Krol & Sarah Wang.

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**.
- After the service anyone in the 20s – 30s age-group are invited to go for lunch. Speak to Lance if you need details.
- On Monday evening the Consistory (eldership) meets here in the Consistory Room at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend.
- 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.
- **Donations** of blankets, tents, men's clothes/shoes, woolly hats and gloves are wanted. These will be taken to refugees in Dunkirk/Calais in December. If you can donate any of these items please bring to the church by the end of Nov. For more information contact Gillian Walker: gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com/060586654.
- 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.
- Pastor Lance is planning to run an **Exploring the Faith** class in November for anyone thinking of church membership, baptism or confirmation or who is just interested in a refresher course in the faith. Speak to 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.
- 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!
- 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 or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Nov 12th : Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 25:1-13;

1Thesslonians 4:13-18

Nov 19th :Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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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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