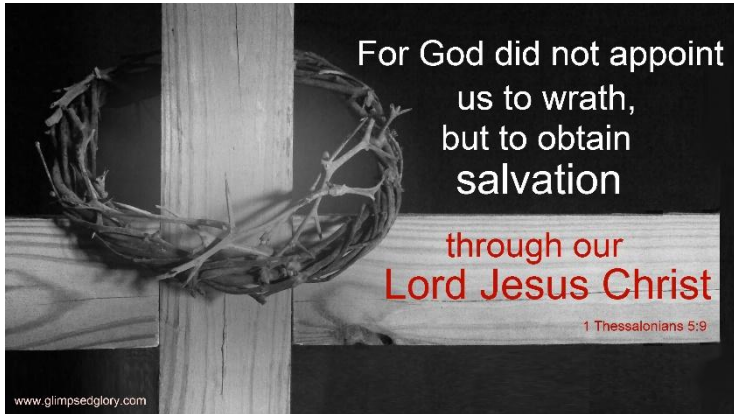


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

November 19th 2017



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

Prelude: Auf mein lieben Gott, Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:1-2

❖ **Hymn 210:** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

❖ **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**
- ❖ **Baptism** of Gabriel Willem Mauny Vandenberg
- ❖ **Hymn 577:** *Christ be beside you*
- ❖ **First Lesson** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (New Testament, p.202)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Canzona* on "Look upon us, blessed Lord",
Richard Purvis
- ❖ **Second Lesson** Matthew 25:14-30 (New Testament, p.27)
- ❖ **Hymn 601:** *Look upon us, blessed Lord*
- ❖ **Sermon** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 479:** *View the present through the promise*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth*, Jan Bender
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 813**, followed by
Gracious God,
in Christ you have destined
us and your world for salvation.
**We offer ourselves and these our gifts
in your service, to whom be glory. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 515:** *Soldiers of Christ, arise*

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



Postlude: *Toccata in G*, W.H. Pachelbel
"Jigg" Fugue, D. Buxtehude

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Elizabeth Cavert Morrison. Prayers of intercession are
led by Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz &
Nick Thomas.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

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.
- **Sunday School** and **Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- We welcome family & friends of **Gabriel Mauny Vandenberg**, who come to watch him be baptised today.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: **Ladies' Fellowship** meets on Thursday Nov 23rd at 6:30pm at the home of Sarah Wang, Keizersgracht 135 for pot luck supper and fellowship. Speak to Sarah if you plan to come.
- **Film Night!** On Nov 30th at 7:30pm, 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat: part of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Men's Group invite you to join them to watch the film *Luther* about the great reformer. ALL welcome!
- Advance notice for **Advent and Christmas:**
 - **Prepare your heart for Christmas!** Sunday evenings Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th, **Advent Studies** led by Elizabeth Cavert Morrison at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 7:30pm. Connecting the Bible to your experience, your culture, your life. Study with a difference. Come to one, two or all sessions.
 - Our service on **1st Sunday in Advent**, Dec 3rd, will feature Vivaldi's *Gloria*, with choir, soloists and orchestra.
 - The **children's Christmas Party** will be on Sat Dec 17th at 3:00pm at the church hall;
 - The following day's service, on **Sun Dec 10th**, will be our **Nativity Service**;
 - After the service on the 10th there will be **carol singing** out on the Spui. ALL welcome!
- 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.
- Last week's collection for the **Poppy Appeal** raised €201.45. Thanks to all who contributed.
- 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.

Nov 26th : **Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24**; Psalm 100; Matthew 25:31-46; Ephesians 1:15-23.

Dec 3rd : Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-2,17-19; Mark 13:24-37; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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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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 Weddings 20s30s Group Church Magazine Mulanje Mission

Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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