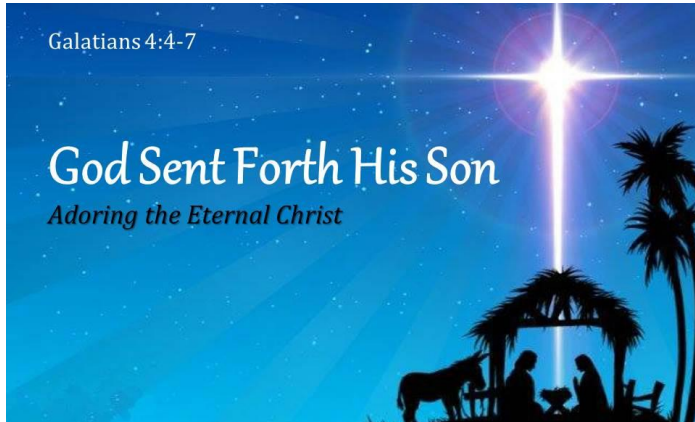


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

December 31st 2017



Preparation:

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am

Prelude: 3 Preludes on Old French Carols, arr. Robert Powell

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

Praise the LORD!

❖ **Hymn 320:**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

- ❖ **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 talk**
- ❖ **Hymn 186:** *Father God, I wonder*
- ❖ **First Lesson** Luke 2:22-40 (New Testament, p.56)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Sleep, Little Dove - Alsatian Carol,*
arr. Richard Warner
- ❖ **Second Lesson:** Galatians 4:4-7 (New Testament, p.186)
- ❖ **Hymn 319:** *Of the Father's love begotten*
- ❖ **Sermon** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 466:** *Before the throne of God above*
- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *In dulci jubilo, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ **Hymn 813 followed by Dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 519:** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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



Postlude: *In Thee is Joy, J.S. Bach*

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

Our service today is conducted by the Rev Eric Foggitt, a Church of Scotland Minister who lives in Amsterdam. The reader is Rosemarie Tiggelovend. Consistory members on duty are & Peggy Krol & Ingrid Sørensen.

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** meets at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. There is no **Junior Church** today. 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**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** resumes this Wednesday, Jan 3rd, when there will be a **Bible Study**, 19.30 hrs, at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- **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.
- 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.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.
- There is a new **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory Chamber if you would like to sponsor the flowers on a particular Sunday. You can give your flower donation to Susan Polstra or to one of the Consistory members on duty.
- 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 we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

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

Jan 7th : Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; **Matthew 2:1-12**; Ephesians 3:1-12
Jan 14th : 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; John 1:43-51;

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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Our Congregation

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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Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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