

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

January 7th 2018

Preparation:

Prelude:

To Us Has Come the Saviour, Anon

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Wise God

You are older than the ages
And you dance in the starlight

And you love us

Wise God

you share your bread with strangers
and you welcome little children

And you understand us

Wise God

You wrestle with the powerful
And you comfort all who need you

And you disturb us

Wise God,

Shining in the darkness
Found by those who seek for you

We are here to learn from you

❖ **Hymn 201:** *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

❖ **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:**

Matthew 2:1-12 (New Testament, p.1)

❖ **Hymn 323:**

The first Nowell the angel did say

❖ **Music in worship**

To Us Has Come the Saviour, Joh. Kirnberger

❖ **Lesson:**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (Old Testament, p.700)

❖ **Hymn 325:**

Bethlehem, a noble city

❖ **Sermon:** *journey into God*

Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide,
Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

Musical notation for the response to God's Word. The score is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide." The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final cadence on a whole note chord.



❖ **Prayers of intercession**

❖ **Offering & dedication** *Come, All Ye Shepherds*, Bohemian carol,
arr. Richard Warner

❖ **Hymn 327:** *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

❖ **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>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we life them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	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** *La Nativité*, Jean Langlais

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

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 326:** *As with gladness men of old*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude

*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 Baafi Owusu Sekyere. Prayers of intercession are led by Sarah Wang .

Consistory members on duty are Laura Verhaaf & 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.
- Once a month we have a retiring collection for **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi. If you would like to donate, there are collection plates as you leave the sanctuary.
- **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.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wednesday, 19.30 hrs here, joint **Taizé service** with the Begijnhof Roman Catholic Chapel.
- Next Sunday, 1600 hrs, ecumenical service with the other churches in the Spui to celebrate **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** at the Oude Lutherse Kerk on The Spui.
- Saturday January 27th, **Burns Supper**, celebrating the Scottish poet Robert Burns. Come and, if you like, bring a song to sing, a poem to read. Please sign up on the notice board. Venue: to be announced. Might you be able to help with cooking etc? Speak to Thijs Glasz, Sally Stone, or volunteer on the notice board.
- 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.
- **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.

Jan 14th : 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; John 1:43-51;

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Jan 21st : Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; Mark 1:14-20; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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