

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

January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018



*Morag MacDougall*

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

*Prelude: Prélude et Cantilène, Samuel Rousseau*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honour;  
**my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

*Psalm 62:5-7*

❖ **Hymn 139:**                      *Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him*

❖ **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
- ❖ First Lesson Mark 1:14-20 (New Testament, p.33)
- ❖ Hymn 532: *Lord, you have come to the seashore*
- ❖ Music in worship: *Adagio from Sonata III, J.S. Bach*  
*Giles Francis, violin*
- ❖ Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (New Testament, p.166)
- ❖ Hymn 485: *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*
- ❖ Sermon: ***thrown, driven, called...*** followed by pause for reflection

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 533: *Will you come and follow me*
- ❖ Prayers of intercession
- ❖ Offering *Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ Dedication: hymn 813 followed by:  
Loving God,  
we bring these offerings in response to your call:  
**help us respond  
with gratitude and generosity  
that your kingdom may draw near. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 644: *O Jesus, I have promised*

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



Postlude: *Toccata in C, 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 our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
The reader is Elisabeth IJmker. Prayers of intercession are led by  
Nick Thomas. Consistory members on duty are Ingrid Sørensen &  
Heleen Koning.*

# 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.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

This evening, evening prayer, 6:00pm, at the Oude Kerk, Oudekerksplein.

- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Ladies' Fellowship, 7:30pm on Thursday Jan. 25th at Rokin 122, 1012 LC Amsterdam..
- Next Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm: **Burns Supper**, celebrating the Scottish poet Robert Burns, here at the church. Come and, if you like, bring a song to sing or a poem to read. Please sign up on the notice board. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!
- 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> : Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; **Mark 1:21-28**.

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20c; Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23.

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