

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

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

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

*Prelude: Three Pieces by Samuel Wesley*

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

Praise the LORD!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**He heals the broken-hearted,  
and binds up their wounds.**

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

*Psalm 147:1-3,6*

❖ **Hymn 160:** *Praise, my soul, the king of heaven*

❖ **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:** Mark 1:29-39 (New Testament, p.34)

❖ **Music in worship** *Meditation, Flor Peeters*

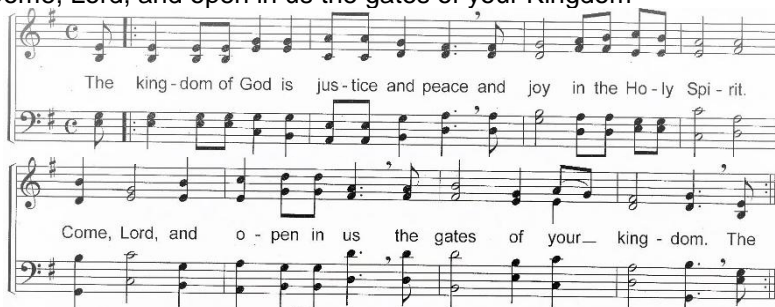
❖ **Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (New Testament, p.168)

❖ **Hymn 599:** *Holy Spirit, hear us*

❖ **Sermon:** *'woe betide me if I do not proclaim the Gospel',  
Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit;  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom



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❖ **Prayers of intercession**

❖ **Offering & dedication** *Tiento de Falses de Sisé, Pau Bruna*

❖ **Hymn 657:** *Father, most loving, listen to your children*

❖ **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>	<b>and also with you</b>
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	<b>we lift them up to the Lord</b>
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	<b>It is right to give</b>
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	<b>our thanks and praise</b>

... 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** *Cantabile, Clément Loret*

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

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 248:** *'For my sake and the gospel's, go...'*

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

*Postlude: Fugue in D, BWV 532, J.S. Bach*

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

# 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**.

*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 Thijs Glasz. Prayers of intercession are led by Veronica Garcia Robles. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz & Thorsten König.*

## 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** today 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**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week, **Bible Study**, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. All welcome!

**LENT** begins on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. This is Ash Wednesday and there will be services of imposition of ashes at:

**5:30pm** at the **Krijtberg Roman Catholic Church** on the Singel;

**7:30pm** (in English) at **Christ's Church**, Groenburgwal 42.

During Lent there will be a **daily prayer, Bible passage and meditation** posted on the Church website which you are invited to access.

- 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).
- 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.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> : 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; **Mark 9:2-9**; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> : Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; **Mark 1:9-15**; 1 Peter 3:18-22

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