

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

March 4th 2018

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

Prelude: Pastorale, F. de la Tombelle

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The highest in all creation lives among the least;

**Christ journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**

Come now all who hunger

and be fed with the bread of life.

Come now all who wander in the wilderness

and be led by God your liberator.

Come now all who seek

and be filled with good things.

❖ **Hymn 209:** *Father, we praise you, now the night is over*

❖ **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** – World Day of Prayer

❖ **Lesson:** John 2:13-22 (New Testament, p.89)

❖ **Music in worship** *These are the Holy Ten Commandments*, J.S. Bach

❖ **Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (New Testament, p.162)

❖ **Hymn 10** (Psalm 19): *The stars declare his glory*

❖ **Sermon:** the wisdom of the cross *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 782:** *Lord of life, we come to you*
 - ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
Response:
Lord, we pray for the world, for the world in which we live.
 - ❖ **Offering & dedication** *Andante* from Sonata no. 6, F. Mendelssohn
 - ❖ **Hymn 662:** *Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts*
 - ❖ **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:**
The Lord be with you and also with you
Lift up your hearts we lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks It is right to give
to the Lord our God 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 & wine** *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall*, J.S. Bach
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
 - ❖ **Prayer**
 - ❖ **Hymn 269:** *Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude: *Psalm 19, Benedetto Marcello*

*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 Reuben Stout. Prayers of intercession are led by
Ingrid Sørensen.*

Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis & 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.
- As this is an all-age Communion service there is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church**.
- 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 (*Je Corro*) is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wed March 7th, 7:30pm, Bible Study at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Continuing studies in the Book of Ruth.
- **Lent devotions:** Please note that during this season of Lent there are daily devotions on our church's website that you are invited to access.
- **Attention all who READ or would like to read or lead prayers in church!** There will be a training session for anyone interested on Sat March 17th, at the church, 10:00am – 1:00pm, with Eric Foggitt, a speech trainer. Interested? Speak to Lance or sign up on the notice board.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

Mar 11th: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:10.

Mar 18th: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; John 12:20-33; Hebrews 5:5-10

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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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