

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

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

*Prelude: Prélude modal, Jean Langlais*

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

The world belongs to God,

**the earth and all its people.**

How good and how lovely it is

**to live together in unity.**

Love and faith come together,

**justice and peace join hands.**

If the Lord's disciples keep silent,

**the stones would shout aloud.**

Lord, open our lips

**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

❖ **Hymn 348:** *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

❖ **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**

❖ **Hymn 359**

*He came down that we might have love*

❖ **Lesson:**

Acts 8:26-40 (New Testament, p.123)

❖ **Music in worship**

*All Glory Be to God on High, J.S. Bach*

❖ **Lesson:**

Luke 7:1-10 (New Testament, p. 62)

❖ **Hymn 539:**

*I want Jesus to walk with me*

❖ **Sermon**

*followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ Offering      *Andantino in A-flat*, Edward MacDowell

❖ Hymn 613:      *Gracious Spirit*

❖ Confession of faith

❖ Invitation and 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***

... we join the song of your unending praise

**The Sanctus** (Hymn 651)

❖ Prayer of Consecration

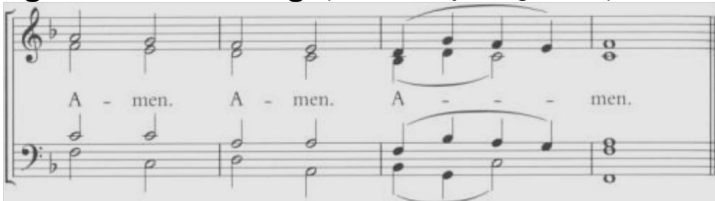
❖ Sharing the Sacrament      *Andante Cantabile*, Charles M. Widor

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

❖ The Peace

❖ Hymn 527:      *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

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



Postlude:      *Voluntary in G*, William Boyce

*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 the Rev. John Bell. Our own minister is on holiday and will be back next week. This is an all-age Communion service. The Scripture reader is Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis and 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**.

*Please note that on the way out there is a retiring collection for the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, which this church supports.*

### 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** this morning as they have stopped for the summer. They will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Prayer:** If anyone feels in particular need of prayer today, someone will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- **Midweek Fellowship** recommences this week with **Bible Study** on Wednesday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat 1071LH at 7.30pm. We are beginning a series on **the Book of Daniel**, looking this week at Daniel 1. If you haven't attended the fortnightly Bible Study before, or for a while, come along and give it a try. All welcome!
- **Coming soon:** Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - *Kerkenpad* day-trip to Antwerp with the Roman Catholic, Mennonite and Lutheran Churches around the Spui. Visit historic churches and learn about the Jesuits in Antwerp. Leaving 8.30am from Stadhouderskade, cost €50. See leaflets at the entrance to the church. Please tell Pastor Lance if you wish to go.
- Anyone with a car or access to one interested in helping with the **Food Run**, a means of getting just-past-its-sell-by-date food to needy people? Contact Joe on [joehennes@yahoo.com](mailto:joehennes@yahoo.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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- 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).
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the vestibule of the church.

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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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