

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

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Preparation

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am

Prelude

Enigma Variation No. 9 ("Nimrod") Edward Elgar

Call to Worship and Approach to God

God is our refuge and our strength
a timely help in trouble

**Come, see what the Lord has done
in every part of the wide world
he puts an end to war**

He breaks the bow, he snaps the
spear, he burns the shield in the fire.

**Stop fighting: learn that I am God
exalted among the nations,
exalted in the earth.**

Psalms 46: 1,8-11

❖ Hymn 36

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❖ Prayer (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

Introduction to the silence

They shall grow not old
As we are that left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them
All: we will remember them

The Silence and Prayer

- ❖ **Choir** *Their bodies are buried in peace*
- ❖ **Lesson** Mark 12:38-44 (New Testament p.47)
- ❖ **Lesson** Hebrews 9:24-28 (New Testament, p.220)
- ❖ **Hymn 715** *Behold the mountain of the Lord shall rise*
- ❖ **Sermon** *a widow's sacrifice* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations
song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating,
with hopes and dreams as true and high as
mine.

2. My countries skies are bluer than the ocean,
sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine

3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come, on earth, thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve him,
and hearts united, learn to live as one:
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee -- let thy will be done.

- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** Choir: *"Turn back, O man"* by Gustav Holst
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 809 followed by:**
Gracious God,
you gave to us your Son,
who has made peace
by the blood of his cross. **take these offerings which we give to you,
and use them and us
to bring peace and justice
to your world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 266** *God the Omnipotent*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude

Improvisation on the tune RUSSIA

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A very warm WELCOME to all!

Our service today is conducted by our minister Rev Dr Lance Stone.

Scripture reader is Malcolm Mason.

Prayers of intercession are led by Astrid König.

Consistory members on duty are Nick Thomas and Mattia Falcone

Please join us for refreshments here in the church 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 for more information. **Sunday School and Junior Church** held at the Handboogsteeg 4, the hall of the Lutheran church. Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service.
- **Prayer:** If anyone feels in particular need of prayer today, Sarah Wang will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week on Wednesday at 19.30 hrs is a joint Taizé service with our neighbours, the Begijnhofkapel, here in the church.
- **COMING SOON:** our **annual concert in aid of the Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi: Thursday Nov 29th at 19.30 hrs. An evening of classical music, including Tchaikovsky and Mendelssohn. Tickets (a donation of €25) available through the website and via Ingrid Zimmerman-Sorenson
- 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 before the service. 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 we will focus upon is in **bold** type. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Nov 18th : **1 Samuel 1:4-20**; Psalm 16; Mark 13:1-8; Hebrews 10:11-25.

Nov 25th : 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; John 18:33-37; **Revelation 1:4b-8**

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- Weddings 20s30s Group Church Magazine
- Mulanje Mission Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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