

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

December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018



**Preparation:** *Silent prayer, 10.00 am, 20 mins, front right of church*

*Prelude: To Us Has Come the Saviour, D. Buxtehude and anon.*

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

In the wilderness, someone is shouting:

**Get ready for God!**

In the back streets, someone is whispering:

**Get ready for God!**

On a mountain, someone is singing:

**Get ready for God!**

In our hearts, we are praying:

**Let us see the salvation of God!**

❖ **Hymn 277:** *Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes*

❖ **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.

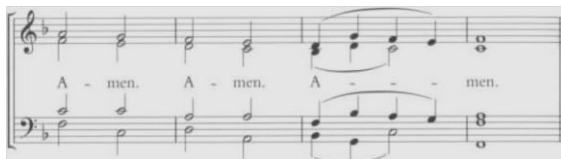
## The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's address and lighting of Advent candles**
- ❖ **Hymn 282**, v.1-2: *Christmas is coming!*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Malachi 2:17-3:4 (Old Testament p.904)
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Noël de fleur*, J. Massenet  
*Persephone Abbott, soprano*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Luke 3:1-6 (New Testament, p.57)
- ❖ **Hymn 283:** *The voice of God goes out to all the world*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *Malachi's fiery message* *Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 469:** *Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Alleluja* from *Exultate jubilate*, W.A. Mozart
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 305, v.5**, followed by  
These gifts are offered  
with gratitude for all that you give us.  
**Use them, we pray,  
to prepare the way  
for the coming of your kingdom. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 291:** *When out of poverty is born a dream*

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



*Postlude: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, J.S. Bach

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

*Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
Scripture reader is Jolmer Gerritse; prayers of intercession are led by  
Elizabeth Morrison.*

*Consistory members on duty are Judi Haynes-Smart and Peggy Krol.*

# 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:** If anyone feels in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder (Judi Haynes- Smart) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- There is no **Midweek Fellowship** this week, but see Christmas programme below:

### Christmas services and events:

Fri Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	, 20.00 hrs:	Carols by candlelight
Sat Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	, 15.00 hrs:	Sunday School Party at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwaal
Sun Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	, 10.30 hrs:	service with children's nativity & choir
" "	16.00 hrs:	Ecumenical multilingual Carol service for churches on the Spui, in the Singelkerk
Mon Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	, 17.30 hrs:	early Christmas Eve Carol service
" "	25 <sup>th</sup> , 22.30 hrs:	Christmas Eve service
Tues Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	, 10.30 hrs:	Christmas Day all-age service

- **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.

## 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. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> (Nativity service): Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18;

Philippians 4:4-7

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> : Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Luke 1:39-45; Hebrews 10:5-10

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Hospital ([www.mmh.mw](http://www.mmh.mw))  Volunteering

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