

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

February 3rd 2019

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

Prelude: Pastorale, Charles Wesley; Two Pieces, Samuel Wesley

Call to Worship and Approach to God

O God, you summon the day to dawn;
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the valleys will sing for joy,
the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Great is your name, great is your love.

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name, great is your love.

Beside still waters you guide our way,
you prepare a table to refresh our souls;

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

❖ **Hymn 193:** *God is love: his the care*

❖ **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**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13 (New Testament, p.171)

❖ **Music in worship** *Adagio, J.S. Bach; Giles Francis, violin*

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Luke 4: 21-30 (New Testament, p.59)

❖ **Hymn 70** (Psalm 106): *Give praise and thanks unto the Lord*

❖ **Sermon:** *love pushes it followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 801:** *Ubi caritas et amor (where there is charity and love,
God is there)*
- ❖ **Prayers of intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Break Thou the Bread of Life, John Duro*
- ❖ **Dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 656:** *I come with joy, a child of God*
- ❖ **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**
- ❖ **Sharing of bread and wine** *Spiegel im Spiegel, Arvo Pärt*
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 519:** *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Sending out with blessing

Postlude: *Fantasie in C, 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 Veronica Garcia Robles; prayers of intercession are led
by Reint Huizinga.*

*This is an **all-age Communion service**. All those who are baptised and
those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake. Consistory
members on duty are Giles Francis and Nick Thomas.*

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 retiring collection after the service today, with donations from this going to **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, which we support.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- Please note that we need more volunteers to help with **the creche rota**. Please speak to Pastor Lance or Nancy Owusu Sekyere.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** this morning, as it is an all-age celebration of Holy Communion for which children stay.
- **Prayer**: If anyone feels in particular **need of prayer** today, someone (Je Corro) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- **20s-30s** go for lunch today after the service. If you are (roughly) in the age-group and would like to join, look for Veronica Garcia Robles (who is reading the lesson) or speak to Pastor Lance and he will direct you.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: **Bible Study**, Wednesday 6th, 19.30 hrs at Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Continuing our studies in The Book of Revelation, focusing this week on chapters 6:1 to 8:1.
- The next **Coffee Morning** is on 12 Feb. More info from Joke de Bruin.
- The next **'Exploring the Faith'** course begins this Thursday evening, Feb 7th. This might be of interest to anyone considering Church membership, baptism, confirmation, or anyone who would just like a refresher course in the Bible and the Christian faith. Last chance to sign up! Speak to Pastor Lance.
Also, there are plans for a **Further in the Faith** course which will be based on the discussion of a book, 'Simply Jesus: a New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did and Why He Matters' by N.T.Wright. It is likely that there will be two times for meeting to discuss this book: one after church on a Sunday and one weekday evening (both monthly). Speak to Lance if you are interested.
- **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.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at 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.

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.

Feb 10th : Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; Luke 5:1-11; **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**.

Feb 17th : Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26; **1 Corinthians 15:2-20**.

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