

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

March 3rd 2019

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

Prelude: Oh God, Thou Faithful God, J. Brahms

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Fill this space with songs of love,
fill this moment with eager hearts,
**fill this gathering with strength of spirit,
as we meet with you here.**

For you are who we long to know;
and this is how we yearn to live.

**God we come as we are now
expectant, waiting, longing,
looking for eternity among us,
God with us.**

❖ **Hymn 100** (Psalm 145): *O Lord, thou art my God and King*

❖ **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:** Exodus 34:29-35 (Old Testament, p.84)

❖ **Music in worship** *The Face of Moses Shone*, T. Charles Lee

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Luke 9:28-43 (New Testament, p.67)

❖ **Hymn 601:** *Look upon us, blessed Lord*

❖ **Sermon:** *living the tension* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 784:** *Come light, light of God*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Behold Now, Praise the Lord, Everett Titcomb*
- ❖ **Dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 353:** *Bright the cloud and bright the glory*
- ❖ **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 and wine** *O Nata Lux De Lumine, Thomas Tallis*
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 448:** *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

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

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in a-minor, 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. 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 Jared Penner. Prayers of intercession are led by Nick Thomas. Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis & Jaap Maas.

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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** this morning as today we all share in an all-age Communion service.
- **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.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wed March 6th, 19.30hrs, **Bible Study** at 9, J W Brouwersstraat, looking this week at chapters 11,12 of Revelation.

This week marks the beginning of **Lent**.

Tuesday is **Shrove Tuesday** - anyone interested in sharing pancakes from 18.30hrs at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat: please tell Pastor Lance or Sally Stone.

Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. We are invited to join the other churches of the Spui and Singel for a service of ashing at the Krijtberg Church on the Singel at 17.30 hrs. (Bible Study – see above – follows at 19.30 hrs).

- **Women's Fellowship Lunch on 17 March!** Ladies interested in this, please join us for a potluck lunch after the service that day as we launch a new look & feel for all the women at the ERC. We need your input! There's an online survey we'd love for you to fill out, check the Facebook page or ERC website for the link.
- Coming soon; **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** - first get-togethers here in the church; Monday, 11th March from 19.00 - 21.30 hrs and Thursday 14th march from 10-12 noon. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: sallyannstone7@gmail.com, or Gillian Walker: 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.
- 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.

March 10th: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; **Luke 4:1-13**; Romans 10:8b-13

March 17th: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; **Luke 13:31-35**; Philippians 3:17-4:1

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