

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

July 21st 2019



Jephthah's daughter

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20am*
Prelude: Prière à Notre-Dame, Léon Boëllmann

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Come God
Come walk with your people
for you alone are our strength and glory
And we put our trust in you.

Come God
Come walk behind us,
beside us, before us
for you alone are our help and direction
And we put our trust in you.

Come God
Come and seek us and put us right
for you alone are light in our darkness
And we put our trust in you.

Come God
we know you are near
the sound of your footsteps sets us dancing
Help us to praise and worship you.

❖ **Hymn 139:** *Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him*

❖ **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:** Judges 11:29-40 (Old Testament, p.237)
- ❖ **Hymn 99** (Psalm 143): *Oh, hear my prayer, Lord*
- ❖ **Music in worship** *I Leave All Things to God's Direction*, F.W. Marpurg

❖ **Responsive reading**

Your daughter, O Israel, is slain!
 How are the powerless fallen!
 You valleys of Gilead,
 let there be no dew or rain upon you,
 no upsurging of the deep,
 for there the innocence of this powerless

You daughters of Israel, weep for your sister,
 who suffered the betrayal of her father,
 who turned to you for solace and love.
How are the powerless fallen!
In the midst of the victory!

one was defiled,
 the only daughter of the mighty was lifted up.

The daughter of Jephthah lies
 dead upon the high places.
 I weep for you, my little sister.
 Very moving is your story to me;
 your courage to me is wonderful,
 surpassing the courage of men.

**From the terror of the vow,
 from the blood of the sacrifice,
 this nameless child turned not back,
 the courage of the daughter turned not away.**

How are the powerless fallen!
A terrible sacrifice to a faithless vow!
(Phylis Trible, adapted)

Daughter of Jephthah, beloved and lovely!
 In life and in death a virgin child,
 greeting her father with music and dances,
 facing his foolishness with clarity and strength.

Hymn 729, v.2: Help me, my God

Hymn 729, verses 1: Hear me, dear Lord

- ❖ **Sermon** *Commemorating Jephthah's daughter; then pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 721:** *We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Fugue in c-minor*, Jean Jacques Charpentier
 followed by **Hymn 813** as the offering is brought forward.

❖ **Dedication**

Living God, giver of all good gifts,
 we offer to you the sacrifice
 of our praise and of our lives:
**take these our offerings and use them and us
 for the work of your Kingdom. Amen.**

- ❖ **Hymn 706:** *For the healing of the nations*

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

Postlude: *Fantasy in a-minor*, J.S. Bach/M. Reger

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

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Worship this morning is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Holy Scripture is read by Tom Flanagan, responsive reading led by Ingrid Sørensen; prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone and Peggy Krol.

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 these have stopped for the Summer and will begin again on September 8th.
- **Prayer:** anyone in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder (Nick Thomas) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.
- No **Midweek Fellowship** until early September.
- **Kerkenpad:** each year we join with other churches from the Spui and Singel for a day out. This year we are going to Hoorn to visit the Golden Age Museum and the Halve Maen replica 17thC ship. Leaflets in the vestibule. All welcome!
- **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** – a Christmas outreach project that involves knitting angels. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: sallyannstone7@gmail.com, or Gillian Walker: gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com. KnitIns for the month of July are here in the church, 2-4 pm every Monday.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter once per month. Interested in helping? Information at the Welcome Desk..
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- Do you own a car and are you available to help with the **Food Run**? We need volunteers to drive 2 hrs per month, within Amsterdam, on either Sunday afternoons or Tuesday or Thursday mornings. For details, contact Joe Alibasah at joehennes@yahoo.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.
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the church vestibule.

- *Please note that Pastor Lance is away on holiday from this week. Revd John Bell of the Iona Community will be living in the manse and conducting worship for the next three weeks: July 28th, August 4th an August 11th. Worship on August 25th will be conducted by Rev Dr David McMillan.*

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