

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

August 25th 2019



Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20am*
Prelude: Andante, Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship and Approach to God

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.** *Psalm 84:1-4*

❖ **Hymn 184:** *Sing to the Lord a joyful song*

❖ **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

❖ **Blessing of Elisa Carolina Stechert**, daughter of Gabriela and Thorsten

❖ **Hymn 796:** *The Lord bless you and keep you*

❖ **Holy Scripture:** John 14:1-7 (New Testament, p.105)

❖ **Music in worship** *Jesus, My Sure Defence*, J.S. Bach

❖ **Holy Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:5 (New Testament, p.177)

❖ **Hymn 461:** *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

❖ **Sermon** *The Way, the Truth, the Life;* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 579:** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering** *Cornet Voluntary*, Starling Goodwin
followed by **Hymn 811** as the offering is brought forward

❖ **Dedication**

Living God,
you give us so much,
not withholding even your Son Jesus Christ:
**may our gifts and our lives honour him
and bring Life to the world. Amen.**

Hymn 500: *Lord of creation, to you be all praise!*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude: *Concerto no.1, first movement*, J.S. Bach/Vivaldi

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

*Worship this morning is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Holy Scripture is read and prayers of intercession are led by Laura
Elliott. Consistory members on duty are Peggy Krol and Thorsten
König.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

A particular welcome to family and friends of Elisa who is being blessed this morning. Please join us for **refreshments** after the service, including food brought by Thorsten and Gabriela, Elisa's parents.

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 (Judi Haynes-Smart) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.
- No **Midweek Fellowship** during August. We resume on Wednesday Sept 4th with a Bible Study, concluding our series on John's Gospel.
- **Kerkenpad** – Thursday Sept 12th : 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. *Deadline for signing up, Thursday August 29th*. All welcome!
- Beginning Sept 3rd, **morning prayers and psalms** (approx. 30 mins) every Tuesday morning from 8.45 am here at the church.
- **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 August 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..
- 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.

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.

Sept 1st : **Jeremiah 2:4-13**; Psalm 81:1,0-6; Luke 14:1,7-14; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16.

Sept 8th : Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Luke 14:25-33; **Philemon 1-21**.

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