

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

September 1st 2019



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20am*

Prelude: Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great, J.G. Walther and J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Approach to God

From the rising of the sun
till its setting in the West,
God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old
and the dreaming of the young,
God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children,
by babies at the breast,
God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven
and in earth's gifts of bread and wine,
Let everything that has breath praise God.

❖ **Hymn 124:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

❖ **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:** Jeremiah 2:4-13 (Old Testament, p.709)

❖ **Music in worship:** *When in the Hour of Utmost Need, J.S. Bach*

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Luke 14:1,7-14 (New Testament, p.74)

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- ❖ **Hymn 45** (Psalm 67): *Lord, bless and pity us*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *The Last God* *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 755:** *Be still and know that I am God*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Andantino in A-flat, Edward MacDowell*
- ❖ **Dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 657:** *Father most loving, listen to your children*
- ❖ **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...*
- ❖ **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** *Cantilene, William Faulkes*
Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates
and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 130:** *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

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

Postlude: *Toccata in D-minor, Johann Jacob Froberger*

Please switch off your mobile phones, and please remain in place until the elders and minister have left the Church.

Worship this morning is conducted 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 of Communion.

Holy Scripture is read by Ingrid Sorensen; prayers of intercession are led by Veronica Garcia Robles.

Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning & Gillian Walker.

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 voluntary collection as you leave the church. This money goes to **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, which our church supports.
- 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 this is an all-age celebration of Holy Communion.
- **Prayer:** anyone in **need of prayer** today, someone (Je Corro) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.

This week's activities:

- **Monday, 14.00-16.00 hrs** 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.
- **Monday, 19.30 hrs** here at the church: **Consistory (Elders) meeting**. This is an open meeting which all church members are welcome to attend.
- **Tuesday, 8.45 hrs** here at the church: **Psalms and Prayers** (30 mins approx.). You are welcome to come for all or part, perhaps before work.
- **Tuesday, 10.30 hrs, Coffee morning**. For more details, speak to our scribe Heleen Koning, or to Pastor Lance,
- **Wednesday, 19.00 hrs, Midweek Fellowship** resumes with **Bible Study** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 1071LH. Concluding our series on John's Gospel.
- **Coming soon: Kerkenpad** – Thursday Sept 12th, departing 9.00 hrs: 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. *Still some places left.* All welcome!
- **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 joe hennes@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 8th: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Luke 14:25-33; **Philemon 1-21**.
Sept 15th: **Exodus 32:7-14**; Psalm 14; Luke 15:1-10; 1Timothy 1:12-17

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Our Congregation

Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

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