

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

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019



*Richard Stokoe*

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

*Prelude: Benedictus, Alec Rowley*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

God is our refuge and our strength,  
a timely help in trouble.

**Come, see what the Lord has done  
in every part of the wide world  
he puts an end to war**

He breaks the bow, he snaps the spear,  
he burns the shield in the fire.

**Stop fighting: learn that I am God,  
exalted among the nations,  
exalted in the earth. *Psalm 46: 1,8-11***

❖ **Hymn 161:**

*O God, our help in ages past*

❖ **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
- ❖ Introduction to the silence:

They shall grow not old  
as we are that left grow old,  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

### The Silence & Prayer

- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 (New Testament p.203)
- ❖ **Choir:** *Grant Us Thy Holy Peace*, G. Palestrina
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Haggai 1:15b-2:9 (Old Testament, p.893)
- ❖ **Hymn 715:** *Behold! the mountain of the Lord*
- ❖ **Sermon: *Signs of the end*** *Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 263:** *God of freedom, God of justice*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering:** *Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love*, George Frederick McKay
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 809** followed by:  
Gracious God,  
you gave to us your Son,  
who has made peace  
by the blood of his cross .  
**take these offerings which we give to you,  
and use them and us  
to bring peace and justice  
to your world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 706:** *For the healing of the nations*

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

**Postlude:** *Fugue in E-flat major*, 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, Revd Dr Lance Stone.  
Scripture reader is Thijs Glasz; prayers of intercession are led by Heleen Koning.*

*Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning and Laura Elliott.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

*If you regularly remain for coffee you might consider bringing your own coffee cup with you to cut down on waste. Please take it home with you and wash it there.*

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. Please note that we have **an urgent need for more helpers to join the Crèche rota**. Please give this consideration so that our small children can still be an important part of our church each Sunday.
- **Sunday School, Junior Church** meet at 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents please collect your children after the service.
- **Prayer:** anyone in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder (Peggy Krol) 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. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: [sallyannstone7@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannstone7@gmail.com), Gillian Walker, [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- **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.
- **Wednesday, 19.30 hrs:** Joint Taizé service with Begijnhofkapel (opposite).

### Other: COMING SOON!

- Sunday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 15.15 hrs: our choir will be joining the Purcell Choir Orchestra for an **pre-Advent concert**. Details at the back of the church.
- Sat Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, 19.30 pm, **Quiz Night** here at the church in aid of the Mulanje Mission Hospital, Malawi. Come and join a team! Everybody welcome!
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter once per month. Interested in helping? Information at the Welcome Desk.
- Car-owners: could you help with the **Food Run?** Volunteers needed to drive 2 hrs per month, within Amsterdam, on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Help particularly needed for Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> (car available for those dates). Details, Joe Alibasah at [joehennes@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.ercadam.nl).

### Next Week's readings:

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.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19; **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Nov 24<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Luke 23:33-43; Colossians 1:11-20

## Church Contacts (See profiles of our elders in the church entrance)

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