

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

January 5th 2020,
2nd Sunday after Christmas
Epiphany

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

Prelude: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, D. Buxtehude.

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Wise God,
you are older than the ages
and you dance in the starlight
and you love us

Wise God,
you share your bread with strangers
and you welcome little children
and you understand us

Wise God.
you wrestle with the powerful
and you comfort all who need you
and you disturb us

Wise God,
shining in the darkness
found by those who seek you
we are here to learn from you

❖ **Hymn 323:** *The first Nowell the angel did say*

❖ **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:** Matthew 2:1-12 (New Testament p.1)

❖ **Music in worship:** *Rejoice and Be Merry*, Robert J. Powell

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Ephesians 1:3-12 (New Testament p.189)

❖ **Hymn 328:** *Wise men, they came to look for wisdom*

❖ **Sermon:** *Magi's journey / our journeys* Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 784: *Come light, light of God*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering* *In dulci jubilo*, J.S. Bach followed by Dedication
- ❖ Hymn 327: *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*
- ❖ 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 769: Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you...
v.2 In God's name is coming
the one who we call blessed.
Hosanna in the highest!
Praise and thanks to God.
- ❖ 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 *La Nativité*, Jean Langlais
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates
and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Hymn 326: *As with gladness men of old*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude: *In Thee Is Gladness*, J.S. Bach

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

* Please note that there is a card donation point at the exit of the church.

*Worship this morning is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance
Stone. Holy Scripture is read by Heleen Koning; prayers of
intercession are led by Sally Stone. Consistory members on duty are
Laura Elliott, Thijs Glasz and Elisabeth IJmker.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

*This is an **all-age Communion service**. All the baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake of Communion.*

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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** this morning as this is an all-age service of Holy Communion.
- **Prayer:** anyone in **need of prayer** today, someone (Je Hart) will be available after the service in the chancel (behind the communion table).

Weekly activities:

- **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 the Begijnhofkapel across the courtyard: here at the our church. All welcome.

Coming soon:

- **Sunday Jan 19th:** start of **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. We will be celebrating by joining with the other churches on the Spui & Singel at the end of our service in the Krijtberg Roman Catholic Church for a hymn and blessing, followed by refreshments at the Mennonite Church next door to the Krijtberg, followed by a **BIG SING**: congregational singing of songs from all over the world compiled by the Iona Community in Scotland.

Other:

- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter once per month. Interested in helping? Information at the Welcome Desk.
- 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 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. The passage we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Jan 12th : Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Matthew **3:13-17**; Acts 10:34-43

Jan 19th : Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42; **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

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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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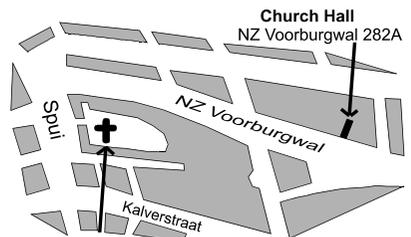
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