

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

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2020



*Morag MacDougall*

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

*Prelude: Variations on ‘Auf meine lieben Gott’, D. Buxtehude*

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

I waited patiently for the LORD;

**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth,  
**a song of praise to our God.**

*Psalm 40:1-3*

❖ **Hymn 172:** *Sing for God’s glory that colours the dawn 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:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (New Testament p.162)

❖ **Music in worship:** *Shall We Gather at the River*, arr. Donald Moore

❖ **Hymn 522:** *The Church is wherever God's people are praising*

❖ **Sermon:** Origin and destiny *Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 469:** *Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!*

### ❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Offering\*** *Lord, Make Me to Know Thy Ways*, William Byrd

❖ **Hymn 806**, followed by **Prayer of dedication**

**Gracious God,**

**you enrich us with every gift:**

**we now give back to you these tokens**

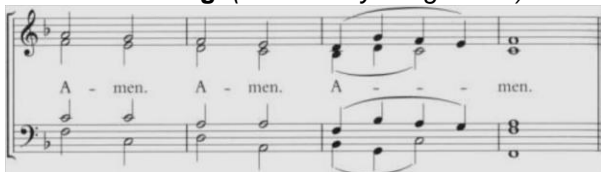
**of your goodness:**

Use them and us in the service of your Kingdom

and to the glory of your Name. Amen.

❖ **Hymn 615:** *Holy Spirit, ever living*

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



*Postlude:* *Lobe den Herrn*, Joh. Gottfried Walther

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

*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, Rev Dr Lance Stone. All welcome to attend!*

*Scripture reader is Gillian Walker; prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Judi Haynes-Smart, Giles Francis and Charles Vanderpuye.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please note that there will be **no refreshments** after the service today and **no Welcome Desk**.

Today, after a slightly shortened service, we proceed to the Roman Catholic Church, **the Krijtberg** on the Singel, hopefully in time for a closing hymn and blessing. From there we go next door to **the Mennonite church** for refreshments followed by '**The Big Sing**': congregational singing of songs from all over the world compiled by the Iona Community in Scotland.

This is to mark **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**.

Stay as long as you like!

## 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.
- **Sunday School, Junior Church** meet at 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents please collect your children after the service.
- **Prayer**: anyone in **need of prayer** today, someone (Margaret Richards) 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, 18.30 hrs, Women's Fellowship** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, Games evening. All (women) welcome!
- **Next Saturday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 19.30 hrs**, at the church: evening of poetry and songs to celebrate **Burns Night**, birthday of Scottish national poet Robert Burns. Traditional Scottish dessert, drinks. Come and bring a song or poem! Able to provide a dessert? Please see Sally Stone or Pastor Lance.

### Other:

- **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 either Sunday afternoons, Tuesday or Thursday mornings. 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).
- 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 26<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; Matthew 4:12-23; **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; Matthew 5:1-12; **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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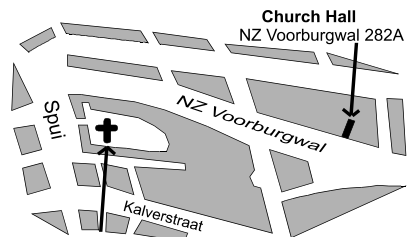
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