

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

February 16th 2020



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*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
1 Corinthians 3:9*

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

Prelude: Andante, F. Mendelssohn

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

Psalm 119:1-2,7

❖ **Hymn 127:** *O worship the King, all glorious above*

❖ **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 3:1-9 (New Testament, p.163)
- ❖ **Hymn 611:** *Holy Spirit, fill our hearts*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving,*
J. Brahms
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 5:21-30 (New Testament, p.4)
- ❖ **Hymn 560:** *Jesus, the very thought of thee*
- ❖ **Sermon:** True Spirituality *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 625:** *O thou who camest from above*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering*** *What My God Wills Always Occurs,*
Johann Erasmus Kindermann
- ❖ **Hymn 807, followed by Prayer of dedication**
Loving God,
we offer to you these seeds of gratitude
to you for all that you give us:
**take them, give them growth
ands use them to bring a harvest
of justice and peace in you world. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 529:** *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

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

Postlude: *Fantasie in C, J.S. Bach*

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*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please remember to turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Laura Elliott; prayers of intercession are led by Judi
Haynes-Smart. Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis, Elisabeth
Ijmker and Jaap Maas.*

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.
- **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, an elder (Peggy Krol) will be available after the service in the chancel (behind the communion table).

This week's 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.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Wednesday, 19.30 hrs, **Bible Study** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, looking at key Biblical texts. All welcome!

Coming soon:

Friday March 20th, 19.30 hrs, **Concert** in Aid of the **Mulanje Mission Hospital, Malawi**, featuring Velvet Joe and The Bluegrass Diamonds. Tickets: suggested donation, €25. Contact Victoria here at church or at mmh@ercadam.nl. A splendid evening!

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.
- 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.

Feb 23rd : Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; **Matthew 17:1-9**; 2 Peter 1:16-21.

Mar 1st : **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**; Psalm 32; Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 5:12-19

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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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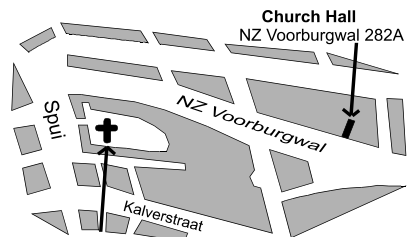
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