

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

Transfiguration Sunday, February 23rd 2020



Sue Armstrong

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

Prelude: *On You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ, My Hope Depends,*
J. Pachelbel

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Fill this space with songs of love,
fill this moment with eager hearts,
**fill this gathering with strength of spirit
as we meet you here.**

For you are who we long to know,
and this is how we yearn to live.

**God, we come as we are now,
expectant, waiting, longing,
looking for eternity among us,
God with us.**

❖ **Hymn 132:** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

❖ **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 17:1-9 (New Testament, p.17)
- ❖ **Hymn 189:** *Be still, for the presence of the Lord*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Sarabande & Rondeau* from *Partita no. 2*, J.S. Bach
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Exodus 24:12-18 (Old Testament, p.72)
- ❖ **Hymn 601:** *Look upon us, blessed Lord*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *thin places* *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 353:** *Bright the cloud and bright the glory*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering*:** *These are the Holy Ten Commandments*, J.S. Bach
- ❖ **Hymn 807**, followed by **Prayer of dedication**
Gracious God,
all that we have comes from you,
all that is returns to you:
take these our offerings,
and use them and us, that
all the world may shine with your glory. Amen.
- ❖ **Hymn 448:** *Lord, the light of your love is shining*

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

Postlude: *Grand Chorus on a Pedal Point*, Nicolas de Grigny

*** 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 remember to turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Baafi Owusu Sekyere; prayers of intercession are led
by Margaret Richards.
Consistory members on duty are Andreas Decker, Thijs Glasz and Peggy Krol.*

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!

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, someone (Margaret Richards) 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.
- **Shrove Tuesday Women's Fellowship, 18.30-22.00 hrs:** pancakes (bring your own toppings), Lent discussion and worship: Zeeburgerpad 180, 1019DZ;
- **Ash Wednesday:** Ashing services at the Krijtberg, on the Singel, at 17.30 hrs (in Dutch); and with Christ's Church, Groenburgwal 42 at 19.30 hrs (in English).

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 vixx_gavaza@yahoo.com. A splendid evening guaranteed for an important cause! More details: see poster at back of church.

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.

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.

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

Mar 8th : **Genesis 12:1-4a**; Psalm 121; John 3:1-17; Romans 4:1-5,13-17

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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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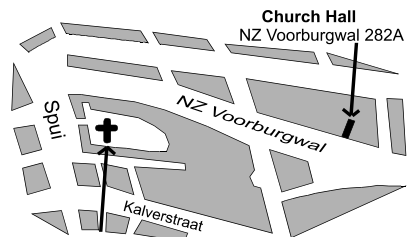
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