

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

September 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 **Harvest Thanksgiving**

*Prelude: Now Thank We All Our God, M. Dupré, G. Kauffmann, J.S. Bach*

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

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
**the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy. Psalm 65:11-13**

❖ **Hymn:** *the congregation are reminded please not to sing with their voices.*

1 Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
all is safely gathered in  
ere the winter storms begin:  
God, our Maker, will provide  
for our needs to be supplied;  
come, to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!

2 For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fires the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his storehouse evermore.

2 All this world is God's own field,  
bearing fruit his praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade and then the ear  
then the full corn shall appear -  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come -  
bring your final harvest home!  
gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified,  
in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

❖ **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**

❖ **Baptism** of Alexander David Jean, son of Nataliya and Michel Mogles and brother of Richard.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,

and be gracious unto you:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

**Holy Scripture:** Philippians 2:1-11

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, In heaven and on earth and under

the earth,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

❖ **Music in worship:** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest, Healey Willan*

❖ **Sermon** *Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn:**

1 The earth is yours, O God  
you nourish it with rain;  
the streams and rivers overflow,  
the land bears seed again.

2 The soil is yours, O God  
the shoots are moist with dew,  
and, ripened by the burning sun,  
The corn grows straight and true.

3 The hills are yours, O God  
Their grass is lush and green;  
providing pastures for the flocks,  
which everywhere are seen.

4 The whole rich land is yours  
for fodder or for plough:  
and so, for rain, sun, soil and seed,  
O God we thank you now.

## ❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Choir:** *Go into the World in Peace*, John Rutter

## ❖ Prayer of dedication

Gracious, generous God,  
faithful as the seasons,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for all that you provide.

**Accept these tokens of our gratitude  
and use them and us  
to bring blessing to all  
that you have made. Amen.**

1. We plow the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand:  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes, and the sunshine,  
And soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord,  
for all His love.*

2. He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
He gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

3. We thank Thee then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food;  
Accept the gifts we offer  
For all Thy love imparts,  
And what Thou most desirest—  
Our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us...*

## **Sending out with blessing**

*Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in a-minor*, J.S. Bach

*Please remember to turn off your mobile phones.*

*Please remain in place until you are directed to leave the Church.*

*Please do not gather to socialise in the Begijnhof after the service, but proceed to the Spui as quickly as possible. Thank you.*

## **A very warm WELCOME to all!**

Holy Scripture is read this morning by Mia Lee; prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis. Elders on duty are Mattia Falcone, Judi Haynes-Smart and Heleen Koning.

## Notices

- 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.

### This week's activities:

- **Sunday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, Compline: *join at* [https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09\\_\\_](https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09__)  
Password: 243960.
- **Monday, 14.00-16.00 hrs:** Knitting Christmas angels at the church. *Contact Gillian Walker at* [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com)
- **Tuesday, 08.45 hrs:** Psalm Reciting (this week – Psalms 102-105), at the church. You are welcome to recite these psalms any time.
- **Wednesday, 19.30 hrs: Zoom Bible Study**, a series on Jesus' parables. Join us on: <https://zoom.us/j/92316847530?pwd=TjdObHBvcnVTRWM4bWprS2QrenBnQT09> .
- **Thursday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, Compline: *join at* [Join at https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09\\_\\_](https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09__)
- **Prayer:** anyone in special need of prayer for themselves or for someone else, please contact Margaret Richards on [margaretanne\\_richards@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretanne_richards@hotmail.com) .

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