

# Welcome to the



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## **Thought for the Week**

God, thank you for bringing me to this new day.  
Help me to walk at your pace,  
to meet you in others,  
to receive what you offer,  
and to rest in your love.

David Osborne  
from "We bring you everything, and tip it out in front of you"  
Wild Goose Publications

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## **Order of Service for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Today we welcome the Rev Eric Foggitt  
to lead our worship.**

*Please stand to receive God's Word into your midst.*

### **Welcome**

**Praise: Give thanks with a grateful heart** (MP 170)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks . . .

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say, 'I am strong',

let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks . . .

And now . . .

### **Prayer and Lord's Prayer - Elder**

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Children's Message**

**Praise: Thank you, thank you**

(SSS No. 84)

Thank you, thank you,  
Thank you, thank you, Lord  
Thank you, thank you,  
Thank you, thank you, Lord  
Thank you Lord for loving me  
Thank you Lord for loving me.

2. Thank you Lord ... for making me ...
3. Thank you Lord ... for saving me ...
4. Thank you Lord ... for blessing me ...

### **Blessing on the Children**

**Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

(p. 980)

**31** He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

**32** Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

**33** He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

**44** “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

**45** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

**46** When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

### **The Parable of the Net**

**47** “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

**48** When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

**49** This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous

**50** and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**51** “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

**52** He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

**Praise: Faithful One, so unchanging**

(MP 825)

Faithful One, so unchanging;  
ageless One, You're my rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You again and again,  
I call out to You again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble,  
You lift me up when I fall down;  
all through the storm Your love is the anchor –  
my hope is in You alone.

**Reading: Romans 8: 26 - 39**

(p.1135)

**26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

**27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

**28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

**30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

### **More Than Conquerors**

**31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

**34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

**36**As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

**39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Offering & Prayer of dedication**

#### **Praise: Amazing grace**

(MP 31)

- 1 Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

### **Sermon**

**Church News incl. presentation 'Living Water Link'**

**Praise: And can it be?**

(MP 33)

- 1 And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
  
- 2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.
  
- 3 He left His Father's throne above –  
so free, so infinite His grace –  
emptied Himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!
  
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free.  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
  
- 5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

**Benediction and Three-fold Amen.**

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**Next Sunday the story continues ...**

We resume our reflection on  
"The Story We Find Ourselves In"  
as we look at the following chapters in the story:

**6 August: Conversations**  
**13 August: Christ**  
**20 August: Church**

## 27 August: Consummation

As part of the process of learning about 'The story we find ourselves in', if there's anything in this series of sermons that you'd like a future Bible Study to cover or to be the subject of a more detailed sermon, please let Derek know, so that together we can explore God's story further.

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### Countries to be held in prayer this month

Suriname	Guyana	Venezuela	French Guyana	
Colombia	Ecuador	Brazil	Bolivia	
Argentina	Peru	Chile	Uruguay	Paraguay

*N.B. The Teisman Family invites you to extended hospitality dedicated to the memory of Anna Beri. See notice board for more information.*

### Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

### Birthdays

This week we congratulate Tjakko Bouwman, Myron Etienne, Evelyn Koomson and Isabel Smart on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

### What's on the agenda?

Sunday 6 Aug 10h30 The Sacrament of Holy Communion and  
"The Story We Find Ourselves In" - Conversations

### Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Eric Foggitt

Elder: Ato Cromwell

Children's message: Rev Irene Bom

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Molly Foster

Welcome: Jimmy van Putten & Margriet van Overbeeke

Crèche: Ruth Kraaij & Nenna Koka

Deacons-Counting: Frieda Enow & Esther Abang

Door: Ruud Witte

Beamer: Joshua Paundra & Crew

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Dorcas Nthoki & Juliet Moses

Flowers: Family Teisman

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### For the Beamer

#### For the Church News to be announced by the Elder

Please go through the agenda and highlight important items in the Order of Service, and then announce the following.

- The **Living Water Link Project** in Eastern Nigeria is the beneficiary of our Mission Offering in August and September. Please view a five minute presentation by Peter Aghasomba, to whom you can talk for more info.
- **Monday Evening 8 pm, Ladies Bible Study**: Hosted by: Irene Bom, Bergpolderstraat 53A 3038KB R'dam, 06-5257 6892. During July and August we will continue to meet where possible for an informal summer programme. Join the mailing list, if you'd like to be kept up to date.  
Email: [irene.bom@xs4all.nl](mailto:irene.bom@xs4all.nl)
- There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- The **Summer Club** still needs more volunteers to occupy the children downstairs in The Lower Hall. Please talk to Cara Taylor.
- You are invited **to join the Teisman family downstairs** in the lower hall after the service for extended hospitality with coffee, tea and refreshments, in remembrance of the life of Mama Anna Beri. See the notice board for more info.
- If you do not get the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday and like to receive it, send an email to the Church or give your e-mail address to Ato Bob.