



Welcome to the

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### **Thought for the Week**

A glutton ... and a drunkard  
that was what his critics called him  
when they saw the company he kept.

‘Out of his mind’ ...

that was what his family remarked  
when they heard the things he had to say.

‘Don’t go there’ ...

that was what one of his closest friends advised  
when he realized the danger that lay ahead of him.

So to his critics, he said:

‘I didn’t come to call the righteous.’

And to his family, he said:

‘Whoever does God’s will  
is my mother and sister and brother.

And to his friend he said:

Never mind the others.

You follow me.’

He was Jesus Christ – God in the flesh,  
reconciling the world to himself, comforting and disturbing,  
so that the kingdom might come.

Sisters and brothers,  
we have been brought by Christ into that kingdom.

We are part of God's purpose,  
not through our goodness, but by God's grace.

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## Order of Service for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Sunday 13 August 2017

### "The Story we find ourselves in" Part 5: "Christ"



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

Call to Worship - (congregational responses are **in bold**)

Come among us, Jesus,  
you whom angels worship and children welcome.

**Come Jesus, and meet us here.**

Come among us, Jesus,  
you who hurled the stars into space  
and shaped the spider's weaving.

**Come Jesus, and meet us here.**

Come among us Jesus,  
you who walked the long road to Bethlehem  
and lit a flame that dances for ever.

**Come Jesus, and meet us here.**

Welcome

**Praise: Come, children, join and sing**

(CH4 185)

1 Come, children, join and sing  
alleluia! amen!  
loud praise to Christ our king,  
alleluia! amen!  
let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice:  
alleluia! amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,  
alleluia! amen!  
let praises fill the sky;  
alleluia! amen!  
he is our guide and friend,  
on him we can depend;  
his love shall never end:  
alleluia! amen!

3 Sing praises loud and long;  
alleluia! amen!  
life shall not end the song;  
alleluia! amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing for evermore,  
alleluia! amen!

Children's Message - Introducing Mr Fox

**Praise: Hands to work and feet to run** (CH4 523)

1 Hands to work and feet to run,  
God's good gifts to me and you;  
hands and feet he gave to us  
to help each other the whole day through.

2 Eyes to see and ears to hear,  
God's good gifts to me and you;  
eyes and ears he gave to us  
to help each other the whole day through.

3 Minds to think and hearts to love,  
God's good gifts to me and you;  
minds and hearts he gave to us  
to help each other the whole day through.

***No summer Club today!***

Prayer of Approach

**Praise: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine** (MP 59)

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
*This is my story . . .*
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
*This is my story . . .*

Prayer of adoration and confession - ending with the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Reading: John 1: 1 - 14

(p. 1225)

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**2** He was with God in the beginning.

**3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

**5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

**7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

**8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

**9** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

**10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

**11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

**12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

**13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

**14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reflection: "The Background: Different Worldviews"

Children's Message - A Name for Mr Fox?

**Praise: At the name of Jesus**

(MP 41ii)

- 1 At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess Him  
King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call Him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.
- 2 Mighty and mysterious  
in the highest height,  
God from everlasting,  
very Light of light.  
In the Father's bosom,  
with the spirits blest,  
love, in love eternal,  
rest, in perfect rest.
- 3 Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners

unto whom He came;  
faithfully He bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death He passed.

- 4 Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height;  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.
- 5 In your hearts enthrone Him;  
there let Him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true;  
crown Him as your captain  
in temptation's hour,  
let His will enfold you  
in its light and power.
- 6 Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with His Father's glory,  
with His angel-train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon His brow,  
and our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

Reading: Luke 4: 16 – 24

(p.1031)

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.”

Reflection: “The Foreground: The revolution of God”

**Praise: Christ is the world’s true light** (CH4 456)

(Tune: Nun Danket, No.182)



## Christ is the Worlds True Light www.traditionalmusic.co.uk

1. Christ is the worlds true light,  
Its Captain of salvation,  
The Day-star clear and bright  
Of every man and nation;  
New life, new hope awakes,  
Whereer men own his sway;  
Freedom her bondage breaks,  
And night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet,  
Their ancient feuds forgetting,  
The whole round world complete,  
From sunrise to its setting:  
When Christ is throned as Lord,  
Men shall forsake their fear,  
To ploughshare bear the sword,  
To pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name  
Unite us all who own thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame  
That hinder to enthrone thee;  
The world has waited long,  
Has travailed long in pain;  
To heal its ancient wrong,  
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign. Amen.

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayers for Others - Elder

**Praise: O, for a thousand tongues** (MP 496)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

4 He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ:  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

6 My gracious Master, and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad,  
the honours of Thy name.

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

**The story continues ... next Sunday, 20 August,  
when we look at "Church", followed on 27 August  
by the concluding chapter, "Consummation".**

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**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 Joyce Mensah, Stella Agborngot, Obinna Omomut, Sharon Cromwell, Jean Galloway and Beverly Bouwman on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

*Inform the Office Team!*

### **What's on the agenda?**

Sunday 20 August 10h30 "The story we find ourselves in"  
- "Church"

### **Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Mavis Fleming

Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Carolyne Wangari

Welcome: Wisteria Cairo & Teun Karreman

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Wenli Wan

Deacons-Counting: Rizal Sebastian & Raneë Damanik

Door: Peace Acquaah

Beamer: Anthony & Ingrid Evovo

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Maaïke v.d. Eerden & Magdalena Osas

Flowers: Family v.d. Hulst

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## **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.

- First of all a happy occasion: Yesterday Pam & Steve were 50 years married. (clapping) As you can see on the inlay of the Order of Service, they invite you to join them for coffee and cake in the Lower Hall.
- **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.
- As you must have noticed no **Summer Club today, due to lack of volunteers. However we** still need volunteers for the last two Sundays of August to occupy the children downstairs in The Lower Hall.  
Please talk to **Rebecca Taylor**.
- 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.