



Welcome to the

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**Order of Service for Sunday 15 January 2017**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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**The OT Reading for this Sunday**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.'

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

*Call to Worship (congregational parts are **in bold**)*

I waited patiently for the Lord;

**he turned to me and heard my cry.**

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;

**he set my feet on a rock**

**and gave me a firm place to stand.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

**who does not look to the proud,**

**to those who turn aside to false gods.**

Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done.

**The things you planned for us no-one can recount to you;**

were I to speak and tell of them,

they would be too many to declare.

**Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;**

**may your love and your truth always protect me.**

Introit: **Emmanuel**

(MP21-Choir)

*Welcome*

*Prayer of Approach*

**Praise: Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud** (CH4 133)

*Prayer of Confession – concluding with The Lord's Prayer*

*Children's Message*

**Praise: I have decided to follow Jesus**

(MP 272)

*Blessing on the Children*

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9**

(p.1144)

Reflection:

**Praise: Just as I am, without one plea** (MP 396)

*Reading: John 1 : 29 – 42* (p.1064)

Reflection:

**Praise: O for a closer walk with God** (MP 494)

*Offering*

*Prayer of Dedication*

Anthem: **Behold the Lamb of God** (Choir - John Bell)

*Church News*

*Prayers for Others - Elder*

**Praise: There is a Redeemer** (MP 673)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

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**TONIGHT at 7.30pm**

**Come along and sing hymns chosen by yourselves -  
the first selection of your favourite hymns!**

**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 Merlin Zawadi Gwanmesia, Christilito Cuvulay and Lee Bouwman on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

*Inform the Office Team!*

**What's on the agenda?**

Tuesday 17 Jan	Consistory at 7.45 pm
Sunday 22 Jan	Bible Study at 9.15 prompt
Sunday 22 Jan	Worship for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany at 10.30 am
Friday 27 Jan	Book Group at 1 p.m. Ask Norma or Pat

**Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson  
Elder: Andre van der Velden  
Children's message: Licia Knoester  
Organist: Marc de Keizer  
Welcome: Maureen Vollema & Jimmy van Putten  
Crèche: Marcel & Veronica Kind-Pachano  
Deacons-Counting: Ato Cromwell & Mavis Fleming  
Door: Ruud Witte  
Beamer: Daniel de Jong  
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden  
Hospitality: Graham & Irene Jardine  
Flowers: Pat Ewing

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**For the Beamer**

**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.**

*English Language Liturgical Consultation Text 1998*