

Welcome to the



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Lord, where shall I find thee?  
High and hidden is Thy place;  
And where shall I not find Thee?  
The world is full of Thy glory.

I have sought Thy nearness,  
With all my heart I called Thee,  
And going out to meet Thee  
I found Thee coming toward me.  
(From *Language of Faith*)

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**Order of Service - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
2017**

**The Service will be led by Rev. Joost Pot**

*Call to Worship - based on Psalm 100*  
*(congregational responses are **in bold**)*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.

**Come before him with joyful songs.**  
**Know that the Lord is God.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise; give thanks to him  
and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his name endures for  
ever;**  
**His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Procession: **We are marching in the light of God**  
Introit: **Mayenziwe ntando yako** (Joyful Singers)

*Welcome, Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer*

### **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.**

**Praise: Sing to God new songs of worship** (CH4 173)

1 Sing to God new songs of worship-  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm:  
he has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

2 Sing to God new songs of worship-  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness:  
sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship-  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters,  
sound your praises to the Lord!  
Let the hills rejoice together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

Prayer of Confession

*Children's Message*

**Praise: All things bright and beautiful** (CH4 137 – 1)

[Refrain:]

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings: [Refrain]

2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one. [Refrain]

4 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

*Blessing on the Children*

**1** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**2** Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

**3** They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**4** Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

**5** It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**6** It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

**7** The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**8** The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

**9** The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**10** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

**11** By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**12** But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

**13** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**14** May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Matthew 21: 33-46**

(p.990)

**33** “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.

**34** When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

**35** “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

**36** Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

**37** Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

**38** “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’

**39** So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

**40** “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

**41** “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

**42** Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

**43**“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

**44** Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

**45** When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.

**46** They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

### **Praise: Lord of Creation**

(CH4 500)

- 1 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and power are beyond us to tell, and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
- 2 Lord of all power, I give you my will, in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil....  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song; and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
- 3 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.  
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.
- 4 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart; your love to inflame me, your counsel to guide, your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

5 Lord of all being, I give you my all; if I should disown you, I'd stumble and fall; but, sworn in your service your word I'll obey, and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Sermon: "The picture of God"

**Praise: To God be the glory**

(CH4 512)

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

[Refrain:]

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
for every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]



*Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing*

**Praise to the Lord, praise to the Lord**

*Prayers of Intercession by the Elder on duty*

Anthem: **Nyame woye obaatan pa**

*Church News announced by the Elder on duty*

**Praise: O Lord my God**

(CH 154)

- 1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
the power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

- 3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

Benediction and three-fold Amen

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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 Edwin Etienne, Beryl Essel, Felix Brits, Ann Schuursma, Natalia Brhel, Flora v.d. Zwaan and Robert v.d. Hulst on their birthdays.

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

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

Sunday 15 Oct 10h30 Worship & Praise Service

Tuesday 17 Oct 19h30 Waste Separation

Information

Wed 18 Oct 19h00 Alpha Course – How does God guide us?

## **Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Joost Pot

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Children's message: Rev. Joost Pot

Organist: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Bible Reader: Bob Hensen

Welcome: Jaco Jacobs & Pam Russel

Crèche: Meriam van der Velden & Chanté Fleming

Deacons-Counting: Raneë Damanik & Mavis Fleming

Door: Peace Acquaah

Beamer: Anthony & Ingrid Evovo

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Chandra Aldus & Wistaria Cairo

Flowers: Family Bouwman

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