

Liturgy for online service, 19th April, 2020 - Sermon title: "What are you expecting?"

Welcome and introduction

Welcome

Moment of prayer
(or find your own words)

*We ask for your presence, blessing, opening of your Word.
We pray for all your people wherever they are, that this
Sunday they may be blessed and encouraged.*

*We expect our help from God, maker of heaven and earth.
Grace and peace for us, his people.*

Light a candle as sign of God's
presence. (a child may do this)

Confession of Faith

*We believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit;
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
Was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead;
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven;
He is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit;
The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Time of worship – introduction

A lot is happening in this world. Although we do not understand why we have to see so many people suffer, we can cling to our eternal Hope. Whatever happens, we know that He is in control and that neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Saviour. That brings us to a place where we can be still. A place of surrender and of worship.

As the Deer

Sing along or listen to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5pZkLWZv-E>

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 2

You're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Chorus**Verse 3**

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

Abba Father

Sing along, or listen to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FGRbUrfvZ8>

Verse 1

Abba Father, Let Me Be
Yours And Yours Alone.
May My Will For Ever Be
Evermore Your Own.
Never Let My Heart Grow Cold,
Never Let Me Go
Abba Father, Let Me Be
Yours And Yours Alone.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Watch the Sermon <https://youtu.be/DIdvaZPitkM>

Responding song

Shine Jesus Shine

Sing along, or listen to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OlwSQmyCg4>

Verse 1

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Verse 2

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Verse 3

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

[Discussion questions for Jeremiah 29:11 message](#)

You can discuss or think about the following questions in response to the Bible reading and the sermon:

1. Have you experienced a time when you felt like you were living in exile (you were in a place where you would rather not be)? How did that make you feel?
2. How can you accept your circumstances when you feel like you are living in exile? What can you learn from the life of Daniel who lived most of his life in a place he didn't choose to be? What can you do to serve God in a difficult place?
3. How can you seek Shalom (well-being) for yourself and others in times that you feel like you are living in exile? How can you bloom, grow, and flourish in a difficult time? (in your relationship with God, your relationship with others, and your own personal growth and development)?
4. Do you believe that God loves you and has plans for your Shalom (well-being)? Is hope important to you? In what ways do you think God has a future and a hope for you personally? Does God have a future and hope for your Church?
5. Are you able to personally trust God in difficult circumstances? Have you experienced God's faithfulness to you in difficult times? What can you do to be a blessing to others in the coming weeks? (through prayer, encouragement, practical help, and giving others hope)?

[Prayer time](#)

As prayer points may be personal we decided not to put them in this liturgy. You can pray for the people around you who may struggle in this crisis.
Close the prayer time by saying the Lord's Prayer.

[Blessing](#)

*The peace of Christ may fill your heart and your life
today and this week*

Announcements & Offering

Please consider the offering using www.icfwageningen.org/giving or transfer to NL34 RABO 0109529030

If you are a student and looking for some positivity in these difficult times, check out this Facebook page set up by Steve and Chelsey (they work for Navigators international)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/anonanxiouspage/about/>

If you need some help or if you know someone who needs help, whether this is mentally, spiritually or physically, please ask for help for example in our ICF family chat Whatsapp, or contact our elders [elders@icfwageningen.org] or the pastoral team: ao@solcon.nl

On April 26th, we want to organize a digital Members' meeting on the topic of the venue purchase. We will send you information on the latest developments regarding the building separately.

Unfortunately, the Young Adults retreat (15-17 May) will be cancelled. We hope to organize it in September.

Possibility for baptism and/or confession of faith

Do you want to do confession of your faith or do you want to be baptized? Please indicate so with the elders ([**elders@icfwageningen.org**](mailto:elders@icfwageningen.org))