

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

May 14th 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Preparation:

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Prelude: Chant de May, Joseph Jongen*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendour.

❖ **Hymn 103:**

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

(please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's address**
- ❖ **Lesson:** John 14:1-14 (New Testament, p.105)
- ❖ **Hymn 530:** *One more step along the world I go*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *Fugue in e-minor, op. 152, Franz Schubert*
Gail de Cooker, Richard Zook, piano
- ❖ **Lesson:** Acts 7:55-60 (New Testament, p.122)
- ❖ **Hymn 461:** *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 579:** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Serenade, Franz Schubert*
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 808** followed by:
Gracious God,
generous giver;
we offer these gifts and ourselves to you.
Keep us upright in the way,
faithful to the truth,
and sharers of your abundant life,
to the glory of your name. Amen
- ❖ **Hymn 416:** *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

Sending out with blessing *(followed by sung Amen)*



Postlude: *Te deus laudamus, Alöys Clausmann*

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.

Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Carl Darlington. Prayers of intercession are led by Margaret Richards. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Judi Haynes-Smart.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Sunday School** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal (see map on back of this sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service. **Junior Church** meets today also - meet at the entrance to the church when children and young people leave the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- There are cards in the vestibule for you to sign if you would like- these messages of prayerful support will be sent to **struggling churches in Kerak, Jordan**, which are having difficulties right now.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wednesday at 7:30pm, Bible Study at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat: beginning a series on the Book of Exodus.
- Interested in work with **refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at *gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com*. A monthly football tournament is planned for the coming months, following the success of the recent one. Many opportunities for volunteering. Contact Gillian or Michael Blazey on *michael.blazey@online.nl*.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: *dekloof@ercadam.nl*.
- We have a weekly collection of **non-perishable food and household goods** for distribution to those who are in need locally. These can be left in a box in the vestibule of the church. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of *www.ercadam.nl*.
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print**, in the vestibule.

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship. The passage or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

May 21st: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-21; 1 Peter 3:13-22.

May 28th: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; John 17:1-11 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11.

Church Contacts (See profiles of our elders in the church entrance)

Rev Dr Lance Stone, Minister minister@ercadam.nl, 020 672 2288
Ms Heleen Koning, Scriba, scriba@ercadam.nl, 06 13097756
Dr Thorsten König, Treasurer treasury@ercadam.nl, 0294 772934
Mr Richard Zook, Music Director organist@ercadam.nl, 075 6311419
Ms Susan Polstra, Church Officer churchofficer@ercadam.nl, 020 622 4158
Ms Veronica Garcia Robles, Lay Assistant layassistant@ercadam.nl
Mr Jens Anders Wejsmark Sørensen, Webmaster webmaster@ercadam.nl

Don't forget to connect with the church online for all the latest news and information:



www.ercadam.nl



www.facebook.com/ERCAmsterdam



TweetERCADAM

Our Congregation

Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

Bank Accounts

English Reformed Church NL44 ABNA 0547 6235 50 Maintenance
Fund: Friends of the English Reformed Church: NL99 ABNA 0624
1800 69

Request for Information: I would like information about:

- Church Membership Baptisms Concerts Sunday School or Crèche
 Weddings 20s30s Group Church Magazine Mulanje Mission

Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

I would like the Minister to contact me:

Please note my change of address:

Name:

.....

Address & Postcode

.....

Telephone.....

Email.....



English Reformed
Church Amsterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland and
the Protestant Church of The Netherlands (PKN)

