

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

May 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



*Prelude: Chant de May, Joseph Jongen*

### **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory;

**he has revealed his vindication  
in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.**      *Psalm 98:1-3*

❖ **Hymn 129:**      *The Lord is King! Lift up your voice!*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)  
(*please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.*)

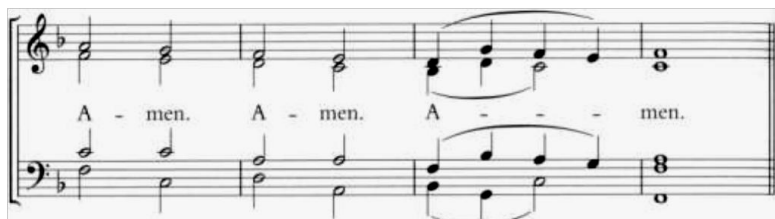
Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power,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

## The Word of God

- ❖ **Children's address**
- ❖ **Lesson:** John 17:6-21 (New Testament, p.108)
- ❖ **Hymn 522:** *The church is wherever God's people are praising*
- ❖ **Music in worship** *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, Georg Böhm*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Acts 1:15-17:21-26 (New Testament, p.114)
- ❖ **Hymn 662:** *Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *His prayer for us followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 469:** *Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Sinfonia: I Stand at the Threshold, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ **Dedication; Hymn 813, followed by:**  
Living God,  
giver of every good gift  
and source of all life,  
**accept these our offerings  
and with them our prayers  
for your rule in our world. amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 468:** *Son of God, eternal Saviour*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** *(followed by sung Amen)*



*Postlude: Dialogue, Charles Talmadge*

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

*Our service is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.  
The reader is Gillian Walker. Prayers of intercession are led by  
Peggy Krol. Consistory members on duty are Nick Thomas &  
Thorsten König.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

## 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** meets at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone (Peggy Krol) is available after the service in the chancel for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Bible Study on Wednesday at 7:30pm at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Chapter 3 of the Letter to the Ephesians.
- A 4 week '**Exploring the Christian Faith**' course, looking at the story the Bible tells and how we fit into it, begins this week (Tuesday evening). Any one else interested? For anyone considering baptism, confirmation, church membership or a refresher course in the Christian faith. Contact Lance.
- The **General Assembly of the Church of Scotland** (of which we are a part) begins next Saturday. Pastor Lance and Ingrid Sørensen are attending and the service next Sunday is conducted by Nick Thomas. Please pray for the Assembly – see the Church of Scotland website.
- Coming soon: **Ladies Fellowship**, Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, will be a **Film Evening**, watching 'The War Room', about a Christian family under pressure. Men invited too! Starting at 7:00pm with drinks and dessert.
- Anyone with a car or access to one interested in helping with the **Food Run**, a means of getting just-past-its-sell-by-food to needy people? This would be part of a rota currently involving you about once per month. Contact Joe on [joehennes@yahoo.com](mailto:joehennes@yahoo.com).
- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- 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!
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of [www.ercadam.nl](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> : **Acts 2:1-21**; Psalm 104:24-35; John 15:26-27; Romans 8:22-27.

May 27<sup>th</sup> ; **Isaiah 6:1-8**; Psalm 29; John 3:1-17; Romans 8:12-17

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