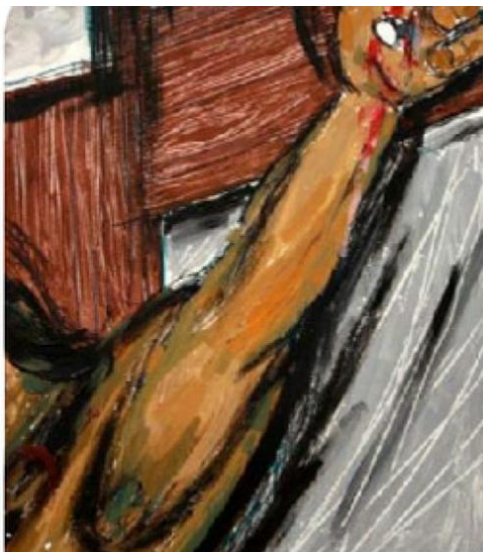


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

Good Friday April 19th 2019



Preludes O, We Poor Sinners, Ernst Pepping
Come, Sweet Death, Richard Baker
Variations on 'Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed', Dale Wood
O Sacred Head, Max Reger; Flor Peeters
Adagio, Samuel Barber

Welcome

Call to Worship:

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53;3,6

Hymn 380:

There is a green hill far away

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

(but 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, for ever. Amen.

The Drama of Salvation:

When the world could wait no longer.

the carpenters took up their tools,

they made a cross for God's own Son,

fashioned from wood and skill of human hands,

fashioned from hate and will of human minds.

He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

for us he grieved.

He was summoned to the judgement hall,

an enemy of the state, a danger to religion.

He was judged.

He was lashed with tongues and scourged with whips,

by his stripes we are healed.

he was nailed to the cross by human hands,

bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh.

he died, declaring God's forgiveness.

Choir: *Lend Thine Ear to My Prayer*, A. Archangelsky

Gospel reading 1: Luke 22:54-71

Hymn 399, verses 1-2: My song is love unknown

Gospel reading 2: Luke 23:1-25

Hymn 399, verses 3-5: Sometimes they strew his way

Gospel reading 3: Luke 23:26-43

Hymn 399, verses 6-7: In life, no house, no home

Gospel reading 4: Luke 23:44-56

Silence

Solo: *Lewk Up, Lewk Up*

Look up, look up, the lamb shall lead the way

Look up, look up, the dogs behowl the day

And they shall bite, full bellied in their spite

What care have they, to take the lamb away?

Look up, look up, the hand divides the gloom
Look up, look up, the prophet or the doom
And should he die, on whose word can we rely?
The truth to see, death or eternity

Look up, look up, the shepherd takes his place
Look up, look up, a mother hides her face
And when we die, will there be friends to cry?
What hope have they who turn their heads away?
Jared Penner, bass; Giles Francis, violin

So many voices...

Pilate: puzzled, dismissive;
Herod: curious, questioning;
The chief priests: angry, accusing;
The crowd: charged, shouting;
The leaders: scoffing, vengeful;
The criminals: deriding, pleading;
The soldier: disturbed, pitying.

So many voices...

But you –
so few words.
To the women – compassion;
to the crowd – forgiveness;
to God – yielding.

Crucified Christ,
Speak the Word of Life to a world
so well-versed in the language of death.

Sermon: *three dimensions of the cross*

Silence

Hymn 382: *O sacred head sore wounded*

Prayer

Offering Choir: *Ah, Holy Jesus*, J. Crüger/arr. Gary Matheny

Dedication

Hymn 392: *When I survey the wondrous cross*

The blessing

Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.

The service is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. The readers are Valerie Robillard, Giles Francis, Elisabeth IJmker and Thorsten König. Prayers of intercession are led by Alexander Noordijk.

Remaining Easter services

Saturday April 20th, 2100 hrs: Easter service of light with renewal of baptismal vows.

Sunday April 21st : 1030 hrs: Easter morning all-age Communion service with choir and orchestra.

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.

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