

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

**Easter Sunday** April 21st 2019



*Prelude: Sinfonia from Solomon, G.F. Handel*

**Choir Introit:** *Easter Fanfare, E.E. Ferguson*

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

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Death shall no longer reign over us!

**Jesus Christ is Lord of all!**

Give thanks for new life!

**Let us celebrate the feast!**

❖ **Hymn 412:** *The strife is o'er, the battle done*

❖ **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 with decoration of cross and Hymn 415.**

❖ **Lesson:** Luke 24:1-12 (New Testament, p.86)

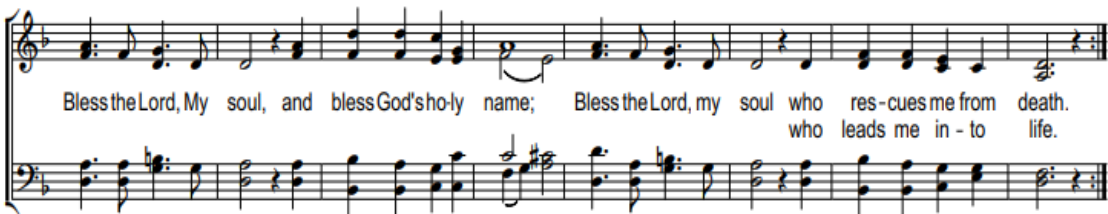
❖ **Music in Worship:** 'Hallelujah' fr *Mount of Olives*, L. van Beethoven

❖ **Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (New Testament, p.173)

❖ **Hymn 413:** *The day of resurrection!*

❖ **Sermon:** *an idle tale?* followed by pause for reflection

## Response to God's Word



Bless the Lord, My soul, and bless God's ho-ly name; Bless the Lord, my soul who res-cues me from death.  
who leads me in - to life.

- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, David H. Williams
- ❖ **Hallelujah Chorus followed by dedication**
- ❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
- ❖ **The Peace, the Invitation and the story of the Last Supper**
- ❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**  
*The Lord be with you*      **and also with you**  
*Lift up your hearts*      **we life them up to the Lord**  
*Let us give thanks*      **It is right to give**  
*to the Lord our God*      **our thanks and praise**

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing...

**Hymn 651:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might...

- ❖ **Prayer of Consecration**  
... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...  
**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

- ❖ **Sharing of bread and wine**  
*Fantasia super: "Jesu, meine Freude", J.S.Bach*  
*Alleluia, Randall Thompson*

*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*

- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 419:**      *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son*

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

*Postlude: Prelude on a melody by Vulpius, Healey Willan*

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

*This all-age service of Holy Communion is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Rosie Tiggelovend. Prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Peggy Krol, Giles Francis, Judi Haynes-Smart and Baafi Sekyere.*

## A very warm WELCOME to all!

*Today is an all-age celebration of Holy Communion. All who look to Jesus as Saviour are invited to partake, including children, at their parents' discretion. There is no Sunday School or Junior Church.*

We welcome our guest instrumentalists today:

Giles Francis & Eveline Trap, violins

Odile Torenbeek, viola

Judith van Swaay, cello

Robert Franenberg, contrabass

Patricia Wind-Smith, flute

Marjolein Koning, oboe,

Laly Shams, clarinet

Ivo van Gennip & Piotr Majoor, trumpets

## 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.
- There will be **no Midweek Fellowship** this coming week.
- Pastor Lance is planning a 4 week course, '**A Walk through the Bible**', looking at the story the Bible tells and how we fit into it. For anyone considering baptism, confirmation, church membership or just a refresher course in the Christian faith. Anyone interested, contact Lance.
- **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** – a Christmas outreach project that involves knitting angels. For more info please ask: Sally Stone or Gillian Walker: [sallyannstone7@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannstone7@gmail.com), [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.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 Pastor Lance.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).
- 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).

## 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.

Sun April 28: **Acts 5:27-32**; Psalm 150; John 20:19-31; Revelation 1:4-8

Sun May 5: **Acts 9:1-20**; Psalm 30; John 21:1-19; Revelation 5:11-14

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