

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12th 2019



*Á disciple whose name was Tabitha...
devoted to good works and acts of charity. Acts 9:36*

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20am*
Prelude: Pastoral, Herbert Sumsion

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the lamb.

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.**

Revelation 7:10,12

❖ **Hymn 160:** *Praise my soul the king of heaven*

❖ **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
- ❖ Holy Scripture: Acts 9:36-43 (New Testament, p.124)
- ❖ Hymn 193: *God is love, his the care*
- ❖ Music in worship *The Lord's My Shepherd, Richard Warner*
- ❖ Holy Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 (New Testament, p.247)
- ❖ Hymn 425: *The Saviour died, but rose again*
- ❖ Sermon: *a death in the family followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 730: *From the falter of breath*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Ricercare, Jean Langlais*
- ❖ Dedication; Hymn 808, followed by:
Generous God,
In Jesus Christ you have given us
the gift of new, resurrection life.
**Use these gifts, we pray, and us
to bring new life to the world,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 123 (tune: *Abbot's Leigh*) *God is love: let heaven adore him*
- ❖ **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.
Prayers of intercession are led by Peggy Krol. Consistory members
on duty are Ingrid Sørensen and Thijs Glasz.*

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, Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents please collect your children after the service.
- **Prayer:** anyone in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder (Peggy Krol) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week – Wed 15th May, 19.30 hrs at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. This week we are **watching a youtube lecture by Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann** called 'what's in your wallet?', looking at things the Bible has to say about wealth. All welcome!
- **Thursday May 16th, 9.45hrs**, funeral of Lotty Veelbehr here at the church.
- **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** – a Christmas outreach project that involves knitting angels. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: sallyannstone7@gmail.com, or Gillian Walker: gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com. KnitIns for the month of May are Mon. 13th, 14.00-16.00 and Thurs. 16th, 19.30-21.00.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter once per month. We need some new volunteers and a new co-ordinator to organise the rota. Interested in helping with this project? Please either speak to Pastor Lance, or Ingrid Sorensen at the Welcome Desk after the service, or sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard.
- **Interested in helping refugees** by taking part in a sponsored walk on Saturday, 15 June? (10 or 20 km). Please see our Facebook page or get in touch with Gillian (gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com) or Thijs (thijsglasz@hotmail.com).
- Do you own a car and are you available to help with the **Food Run**? We need volunteers to drive for two hours a month, within Amsterdam, either on Sunday afternoons or Tuesday or Thursday mornings. For details contact Joe Alibasah at joehennes@yahoo.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.

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. You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

May 19th : **Acts 11:1-8**; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26th : **Acts 16:9-15**; Psalm 67; John 5:1-9; Revelation 21:10;21:22-22:5

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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.

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