

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

31st January 2016



Preparation:

*Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Gather for a few moments of silent prayer before the service.*

Prelude

Ciacona e minor, BUXWV160, D. Buxtehude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
**with my mouth I will proclaim your
faithfulness to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is
established for ever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. *Psalm 89:1,2*

Hymn 193

God is love: his the care



The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam
A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**
and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

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 Word of God

Children's Talk

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (New Testament, p.171)

Song:

Second Lesson: Luke 4:21-30 (New Testament, p.59)

Music in worship

The greatest of these is love, R.Bitgood

Hymn 627

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Sermon

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 206

Break not the circle of enabling love

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Dignare from Dettinger Te Deum, G.F. Handel

Dedication, including **hymn 810**, *Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth*

Gracious God,
divine lover and giver
of all good things and every blessing,
accept these our offerings

**With them make a channel
for your love and peace and joy
into your world. Amen.**

Hymn 519

Love divine, all loves excelling

The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)



Amen Amen Am-----en

Postlude

Toccata and Fuga d minor, BWV 565, J.S. Bach

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.*

Our service today is conducted by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone.

The reader today is Giles Francis.

Our organist today is Olja Bučo.

The soloist is Margaret Anne Richards.

Consistory members on duty are Peggy Krol and Seppo Stout.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service. If you are here for more than a holiday, we hope you will return again.
 - There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can stay and join us!
 - **Children's Ministry:** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Malou Genet and Claire Zweers); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School and Junior Church do not meet today, as this is a Family Service. Children are invited to sit with their family.
 - Remember that every Sunday there is a **time of prayer** outside the Deaconry Room, near the pulpit, from 10:00am until about 10:20am. Come and pray even if only for a few moments, especially for the service and for the life of our church.
 - **ELECTION OF A NEW ELDER:** Following the departure of Christa Oudshoorn Hobo, the Consistory requires a new elder. A new process will be followed for this appointment, with members of the congregation being given an opportunity to nominate members for the post, after which the Consistory will make a decision. A box for nominations is available today after the service.
 - **Midweek Fellowship this week:** A 6-week study on PRAYER, using dvd and other material by Philip Yancey, is running fortnightly at the manse on Wednesday evenings. For more information speak to Pastor Lance.
 - **Shrove Tuesday:** a family pancake potluck and games for Shrove Tuesday will be held on 9 February. Join us from 5:30-6:00pm for traditional pancake races on the Spui. From 5:30-7:30pm bring your favourite kind of pancake, savoury or sweet, from whatever culture, to the ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11, and share in a potluck supper. We also need some help organising and running this event, so please speak to Pamela Woolley during coffee time today. See you there!
 - **Ash Wednesday:** on Wednesday, 10 February there will be an ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at the Krijtberg Catholic Church on the Singel. The service begins at 5:30pm and all are invited!
 - The February **Coffee Morning** will be held next Tuesday, 9 February, at the home of George Meerveld in Amsterdam North. More information next week.
 - **Enquirers' Class:** Pastor Lance intends to run a series soon for anyone interested in church membership, baptism or a refresher course in the faith. Please speak to Pastor Lance if you are interested.
 - Cooking at **De Kloof!** *De Kloof* is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church cooks lunch there every second Monday of the month. If you are interested in helping, contact Gillian Walker at dekloof@ercadam.nl
 - **This liturgy sheet is available in large print.** Please ask at the door.
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Our Congregation

Our congregation was founded on 4 February 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam. We welcome worshippers from many countries, backgrounds and walks of life. Founded within the Reformed Tradition we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

The first church in the Begijnhof was built as a private chapel in about 1390; it was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in the 1490s. The church was closed by the Town Council in the Reformation and lay unused for 30 years till in 1607 it was given to English-speaking worshippers in Amsterdam.

Our congregation relies on the support of worshippers, members and friends to maintain our ministries and buildings. We aim to be financially self-supporting both in our own work and in order to give to others in mission. There are different ways to support our congregation; through the gifts of time, talent, and finance. We invite everyone to be involved, and to prayerfully consider how you can support and share the ministry of the congregation.

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

Fill in the form below and hand it in as you leave or send it to the Scriba.

- I would like information about: Church Membership Baptisms Concerts
 Sunday School or Crèche Weddings Funerals 20s30s Group
 Church Magazine *The Record* Mulanje Mission Hospital (www.mmh.mw)
I would like the Minister to contact me: Please note my change of address:

Name:

Address

Postcode: Town.....

Telephone..... Email Address.....