

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

21st February 2016
2nd Sunday in Lent

I will not die an unlived life,
I will not live in fear
of falling or catching fire.
I choose to inhabit my days,
to allow my living to open me,
to make me less afraid,
more accessible,
to loosen my heart
until it becomes a wing,
a torch, a promise...

Dawna Markova

Preparation:

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

Prelude

Allegro moderato; Minuetto

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I have asked of the Lord,

that will I seek after;
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
**to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

Psalm 27: 1, 4

Hymn 172

Sing for God's glory

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 English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

The Word of God

Children's Talk, baptism of James Lawrie, and welcome of new members Laurie Howland Heckman, Natali Kuhn, Alessandra Luzzani, Hilde Nees, Dick Van Spijk.

Hymn 501

Take this moment, sign, and space

First Lesson: Luke 13:31-35 (New Testament, p.73)

Music in worship

Adagio cantabile

Second Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6 (Old Testament, p.12)

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| 1. Beneath the shadow of Thy wings,
My Father and my God, I rest;
Seeing unseen, eternal things,
My portion soon to be possesst. | 3. Sealed by the Spirit I am thine
Raised up to sit with Christ the Lord;
Forth from his face thy glories shine,
Unveiled in him the living Word. |
| 2. Thy Son, Thy First-born from the dead,
Jesus, how excellent is He!
Thy joy and rest - Thy Church's Head -
Father, Thou gavest Him for me! | 4. According to thy riches - Thou
Wilt ever for thy servant care;
Joyful before thy throne I bow,
And Jesus' bliss and glory share. |

Robert C Chapman

Sermon *the fox and the hen*

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 593

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Presto

Dedication, including **Hymn 806**, *To Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Generous God,
from your open hand come all good things;
**Accept we pray these tokens
of our love and gratitude
and us them and us
for the work of your Kingdom.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Hymn 162

The God of Abraham praise

The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)



Postlude

Toccata in C, 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 Seppo Stout, member of Consistory.

Our music today comes from the Quartet Opus 9, no. 4 by J. Haydn. The musicians are Josefina Alcaide Fernandes (violin), André Felipe Lima (violin), Anna Lusty (viola) and Francisco Fernández Ruiz (cello). Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz 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.
 - **We welcome** family and friends of the new members being welcomed today, and of James Lawrie who comes for baptism.
 - There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can join us! Our coffee helpers today are Dinda, Mattia, Hannelize & Anniek.
 - **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Nancy Owusu Sekyere & Claire Zweers); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Je Corro and Veronica Garcia Robles), and the Junior Church (led by Annie Francis) meet at ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11.
 - 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.
 - All are invited by **David Awinesakija** to a service of Thanksgiving this afternoon, Sunday, at 15.30, for his late father. Venue: the Lighthouse, Kraaiennest 120, 1104CH, Amsterdam.
 - **This week:**
Enquirers' Class, Tuesday evening at 8 pm at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
Men's Group: Thursday Feb 25th at 7.30 pm at Café Luxembourg, the Spui.
Ladies' Fellowship: Thursday Feb. 25th at 6.30pm at the home of Je Hart.
Lent Daily Devotions at:
<http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/> and also on the church website.
 - **Cooking at De Kloof!** *De Kloof* is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church is committed to cooking lunch at the shelter every second Monday of the month. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more about this project, please contact Gillian Walker at dekloof@ercadam.nl
 - **Today and next Sunday we are collecting toiletries** for the refugees in Amsterdam. These items could include soap, shampoo, shaving cream/razors, deodorant, toothpaste/tooth brushes, nappies, baby wipes, etc. Please bring whatever you can! You can leave the items in the box in the vestibule of the church.
 - 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 before the service. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
 - **This liturgy sheet is available in large print.** If you would like a large print version, please speak to one of the Consistory members on duty.
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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

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

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 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:

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