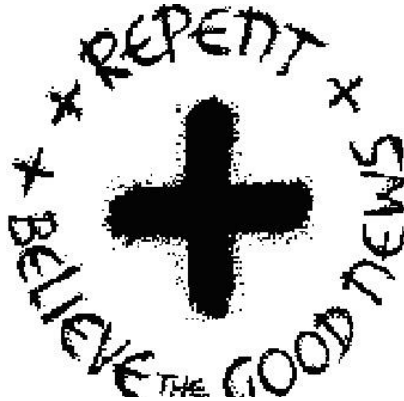


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

28th February 2016
3rd Sunday in Lent



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

Prelude *Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld, E. Pepping*

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Lord, open our lips

And our mouths will proclaim your praise

You are good to those who wait for you

To all who seek you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn 184

Sing to the Lord a joyful song



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

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9 (Old Testament, p.696)

Children's Talk

Hymn 540

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Second Lesson: Luke 13:1-9 (New Testament, p.72)

Music in worship

Sighing, weeping, sorrow, need J.S. Bach

Hymn 606

Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

Sermon:

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 795

Take, o, take me as I am

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Agnus Dei, W.A. Mozart

Hymn 806 *To Father, Son and Holy Ghost*, followed by

Prayer of dedication

Hymn 268

O God of Bethel!

The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)



Postlude

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 Revd Dr Stuart Blyth, Rector of the International Theological Baptist Seminary here in Amsterdam.

Our minister, Lance, is in Budapest on Presbytery business.

The reader today is Michael Groenescheij.

The soloist is Judi Haynes-Smart, soprano.

Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone and Peggy Krol.

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 Alice Duah & Amy Poon); 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 families.
 - 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.
 - The March **Coffee Morning** takes place this Tuesday, March 1st, at the home of Elly Kalf. For more information contact either Elly or Pastor Lance. All are welcome!
 - **This week:**
Enquirers' Class, Tuesday evening at 8 pm at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
Midweek Fellowship: fourth session in our series on prayer with material from Philip Yancey. At 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat
World Day of Prayer service at our church this Friday, 4 March, at 10:30am
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
 - **We are in need of new volunteers** to help with the coffee time after each church service. If you would be able to help with making the coffee/tea, serving it, or helping with the cleaning up afterwards, please contact Johan de Villiers at sloet123@gmail.com. It would be a great help!
 - 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

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.....