

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

13th March 2016
5th 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

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The Lord has done great things for us
and we are filled with joy.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like streams in the desert.**

Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
**will return with songs of joy
carrying sheaves with them.**

Psalms 126:3-6

Hymn 181

For the beauty of the earth



**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: John 12:1-8 (New Testament, p.102)

Hymn 549

How deep the father's love for us

Music in worship

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14 (New Testament, p.195)

Hymn 354

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!

Sermon *What matters most*

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 237

Look forward in faith

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

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

Prayer of dedication:

Generous God, you give us so much:

**Take these gifts and with them our lives,
as we offer them to you in love. Amen.**

Hymn 159

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

The Blessing *(Sung Amen)*



Postlude

The congregation is asked to remain in place until the preacher has left the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.

*Our service today is conducted by our lay assistant, Veronica Garcia Robles.
The reader today is Mattia Falcone.
Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott and Heleen Koning.*

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); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Ana Laura Saieg and Malou Genet), and the Junior Church (led by Annie Francis) meet at ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11.
- **The Membership Roll** is ready for inspection in Consistory Room after the service.
- 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.
- **This week:**
Midweek Fellowship: Wednesday, 7.30 pm: next in our series on prayer using DVD and material by Philip Yancey
Lent Daily Devotions on our website and at:
<http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>
- **Coming soon! 20s – 30s Mexican Food Night:** Friday March 18th , 7.30 pm at Jan Willem Brouwersstraat
- **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 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.

Easter services & events

20 March, 10:30am	Palm Sunday, with children's procession
23 March, 6.00 pm	Passover celebration (with food) at the Treehouse
24 March, 8:00 pm	Maundy Thursday, with communion
25 March, 8:00 pm	Good Friday, a choir service, preceded by meditative music
26 March 9:00 pm	Easter Service of Light, renewal of Baptismal vows
27 March, 10:30 am	Easter Sunday, a festival service with choir and brass.

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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.....