

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

27th March 2016
Easter Sunday



Preparation:

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

Prelude

Voluntary in C, H. Purcell

Welcome and announcements

Introit

Jesus, Our Lord, Is Risen Today, M. Vulpius

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

Death shall no longer reign over us!

Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

Give thanks for new life!

Let us celebrate the feast!

Hymn 410

Jesus Christ is risen today

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

First Lesson: Luke 24:1-12 (New Testament, p.86)

Hymn 797

The Lord is risen from the dead

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 (New Testament, p.126)

Music in worship *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*, arr. C.F. Schalk

Hymn 417

Now the green blade riseth

Sermon *Beyond belief*

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 415

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow

Offering and dedication

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again, E. Thiman

After the offering plates have been received the congregation are invited to join in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus*, G.F. Handel

Confession of Faith: Hymn 628

I believe in God the Father Almighty

The sharing of the peace, the Invitation and the Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

Lift up your hearts!

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in in singing:

Hymn 651: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might...*

Sharing of bread and wine

Choir: *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

Note that gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are available.

Please indicate as the elder with the smaller dish and chalice comes round.

Hymn 419

Thine be the glory

The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on a melody by Vulpius, H. Willan

The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Consistory have 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, member of Consistory.
Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis and Nick Thomas.*

*Brass players: Denys Holovin – trumpet; Ivo van Gennip – trumpet;
Mami Hasimoto - tenor trombone; Kai Sasaki - bass trombone.*

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 is no coffee time in the church after the service today.
- **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Alice Duah and Danielle Vroom); please ask at the door for more information. Also, Sunday School for ages 4-11 and the Junior Church will leave together and go to the ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11, for special Easter activities. Parents are asked to pick up their children there after the service.
- Remember that every Sunday there is a **time of prayer** over beside 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:**
 - Thursday March 31st**, Ladies' Fellowship
 - Friday April 1st, 8 pm**, drinks and dessert for parents of Sunday School children to discuss children's Christian education and nurture.
 - Next Sunday, 4 pm:** meeting for parents of Junior Church young people at the Café Luxembourg, The Spui.
 - 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
- The April **Coffee Morning** will be an outing to the Keukenhof on 5 April! For more information contact the minister or speak to either Elly Kalf or Sies Plokker.
- 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

