

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

6th March 2016
4th 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

Whither shall I flee, J.S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

**Bless the Lord, my soul;
with all my being I bless God’s holy name.**

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and forget none of his benefits.

**He pardons all my wrongdoing
and heals all my ills.**

He rescues me from the pit of death
and crowns me with love and compassion.

He satisfies me with all good in the prime of life,
and my youth is renewed like an eagle’s. *Psalm 103: 1-5*

Hymn 139

Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him

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: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (New Testament, p.75)

Hymn 186

Father God, I wonder



The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

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

Music in worship

Call to remembrance, R. Farrant

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (New Testament, p.178)

Hymn 87

Lord, from the depths to thee I cried

Sermon

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 776

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

God so loved the world, J. Stainer

Dedication

Hymn 553

Just as I am

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...*

Prayer of Consecration:

... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...

***Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.***

Choir:

Wondrous love, arr. A. Parker/R. Shaw

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

Please indicate as the elder with these (smaller) dishes comes round.

Hymn 622

We sing a love that sets all people free

The Blessing (Sung Amen)



Amen Amen Am-----en

Postlude

Sons of sorrow, D. Wood

*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 preacher today is the Revd Terry Burns, minister of Nicosia Community Church in Cyprus .

The reader today is Thorsten König.

Consistory members on duty are Thorsten König 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 Malou Genet & Carishma Thomas); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Mei Li Vos and Nick Thomas), and the Junior Church (led by Shawna Snow) 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.
- **This week:**
Enquirers' Class, Tuesday evening at 8 pm at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
Midweek Fellowship: Wednesday, 7.30 pm: Taizé service here at the church
Lent Daily Devotions at:
<http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/> and also on the church website.
- **Coming soon! 20s – 30s Mexican Food Night: Friday March 18th , 7.30 pm** at Jan Willem Brouwersstraat

Easter services

20 March, 10:30am Palm Sunday, with children's procession

24 March, 8:00pm Maundy Thursday, with communion

25 March, 8:00pm Good Friday, a choir service, preceded by meditative music

26 March, 9:00pm Easter Service of Light and renewal of baptism vows

27 March, 10:30am Easter Sunday, a festival service with choir and brass

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- **Cooking at De Kloof!** *De Kloof* is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church is committed to cooking lunch there every second Monday of the month. For more information 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.
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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.....