

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

17th April 2016
3rd after Easter



*Á disciple whose name was Tabitha...
devoted to good works and acts of charity.*
Acts 9:36

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

Prelude Chorale variations on *Sei Gegrüßet, Jesu Gütig*, J.S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the lamb.

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might**

be to our God for ever and ever. *Revelation 7:10,12*

Hymn 427

Alleluia! Alleluia!



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

Children's talk

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43 (New Testament, p.124)

Hymn 423

I know that my redeemer lives

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (New Testament, p.247)

Music in worship

Adagio from Sonata no. 1, F. Mendelssohn

Hymn 424

Blest be the everlasting God

Sermon *resurrection hits Joppa*

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 416

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and dedication

Humoresque, Pietro A. Yon

Gracious God,
giver of all gifts and abilities and talents,
accept these our offerings we pray;
**and with them accept the offering
of our lives in you service,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Hymn 130

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim



Amen Amen Am-----en

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in C, Attributed J.S. Bach

The congregation is asked to remain in place until the minister leaves the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.

*Our service is conducted by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone.
Our guest organist today is Brian Fieldhouse.
The reader today is Rosemarie Tiggelovend.
Consistory members on duty are Seppo Stout and Nick Thomas.*

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.
- After the service today we have our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. We hope to begin the meeting soon after the end of the service, and you are most welcome to stay and join us. After the AGM we will be having a potluck lunch here in the church, and we welcome all who are staying to join us in our meal. Don't worry if you haven't brought food with you; there is always enough!
- Every few years our church's presbytery, the **International Presbytery of the Church of Scotland**, does an anonymous survey in all of its churches to get a general idea of where folks come from in the various congregations. Today is the day! You should have received a survey form when you entered the church; if you did not receive one they are available in the vestibule of the church. Please fill the form out as much as possible and hand it in at the end of the service.
- **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Isabel Stout and Alice Duah); please ask at the door for more information. Also, Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Je Corro and Nick Thomas) and the Junior Church (led by Shawna Snow) will leave together and go to the ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11. 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:**
 - **Monday April 18th, 7.30 pm:** Worship & Christian Education Committee at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat,
 - **Wednesday April 20th, 7.30 pm, Midweek Fellowship:** Bible Study at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. First of 6 sessions on people Jesus encountered in his ministry. This week: the Pharisees.
- **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.

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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