

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

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016  
**1<sup>st</sup> after Easter**

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

*Prelude* "Antioch" - I know that my Redeemer lives, D. Wood

## **Welcome and announcements**

### **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

The LORD is my strength and my might;

**he has become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;

**it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:14, 21-23

**Hymn 414**

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain*

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**

### **Ordination of Sarah Wang to the eldership**



The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam  
A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**  
and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands** (PKN)

**Hymn 597**

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit*

**First Lesson:** Acts 5:27-42 (New Testament, p.119)

**Music in worship** *Awake, awake, my heart, with gladness, E. Pepping*

**Second Lesson:** Revelation 1:4-6 (New Testament, p.242)

**Hymn 425**

*The Saviour died, but rose again*

**Sermon**

*Pause for Reflection*

**Response to God's Word**

**Hymn 443, verses 1 & 4**

*He is Lord, he is Lord*

Prayers of Intercession

**Offering and dedication**

*Now be joyful, dear Christians all, J.S. Bach*

**Hymn 673**

*Let us talents and tongues employ*

**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*

***And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts!*

***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 769** (verse 1 solo, then repeated by the congregation, followed by):

In God's name is coming  
The One who we call blessed.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Praise and thanks to God.

... 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.**

Sharing of bread and wine *Andante sostenuto* from *Sonata in C*, W.A. Mozart

*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 413**

*The day of resurrection!*

**The Blessing** (*Sung Amen*)



Amen Amen Am-----en

**Postlude**

*Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ, J.S. Bach*

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Consistory have left the Church.  
Please turn off your mobile phones during the service.*

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone  
The reader today is Valerie Robillard.  
Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone and Heleen Koning.  
The soloist during Communion is Giles Francis, violin.*

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## 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!
- Today we welcome friends of **Sarah Wang**. Sarah will become an elder in our church today.
- **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Carishma Thomas and Amy Poon); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led today by Malou Genet and Mary Khang) and the Junior Church (led by Annie Francis) meet in 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:**
  - **This afternoon, 4 pm**, Junior Church parents meeting, Café Luxembourg, the Spui.
  - **Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>**, Midweek fellowship: final session on Prayer, following material by Philip Yancey.
- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl)
- This Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the **Coffee Morning** will be an outing to the Keukenhof! For more information contact the minister or speak to either Elly Kalf or Sies Plokker.
- Our church's **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will take place after the morning service on 17 April. After the meeting there will be a potluck lunch for those attending the AGM. The Annual Report for 2015 and the agenda for our AGM are available in print in the Consistory Chamber after the service today.
- 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.

