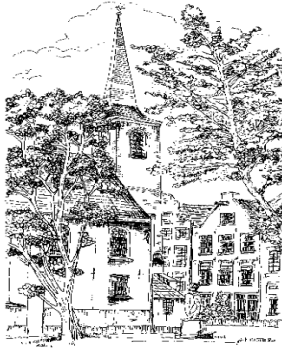


# ***“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”***

8<sup>th</sup> May 2016



**Preparation:** *Prayer outside the Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

*Prelude*

*Prélude modal, J. Langlais*

**Welcome and announcements**

**Call to Worship and Approach to God**

You are our hope, good Lord  
our trust since our earliest days.

**You shaped our very being,  
knitting us together in our mother’s womb.**

You know us through and through,  
our bodies are no secret to you.

**We praise you for filling us with wonder.**

**Marvellous you are, and marvelous your works.**

**Hymn 64**

*Sing, all creation, sing to God in gladness*

**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

## The Sacrament of Baptism *(for which the children gather around the font)*

Introduction

Vows of the parents

Commitment of the congregation *(response: AMEN, THIS WE BELIEVE)*

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Song of Blessing *(tune: Nun Danket)*

1 Now bless our children, Lord,  
that they may be a blessing;  
confirm in them the faith  
they hear our lips professing.  
Help them to trust in Christ,  
and, following his way,  
find grace and love that flow  
from their baptismal day.

2 All praise and thanks to God  
from whom all life is given,  
and to the risen Christ  
who reigns in highest heaven  
and to God's spirit here  
ensuring before birth  
that beauty, truth and love  
are shared throughout the earth.

### Prayer

#### Hymn 181

*For the beauty of the earth*

**First Lesson:** Acts 16:16-34 (New Testament, p.132)

#### **Music in worship**

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, P.O. Manz*

**Second Lesson:** John 17: 20-26 (New Testament, p.108)

#### Hymn 597

*Loving Spirit*

### Sermon

*Pause for Reflection*

## Response to God's Word

#### Hymn 175

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

### Prayers of Intercession

#### Offering

*Clap your hands!, J. Diercks*

Prayer of dedication

#### Hymn 459

*Crown him with many crowns*

### The Blessing *(Sung Amen)*



Amen      Amen      Am-----en

### Postlude

*Presto from 1st organ concerto, 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 the Revd John Bell.  
Consistory members on duty are Judi Haynes-Smart and Peggy Krol.*

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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.
- We welcome family and friends of **Julia Mauny-Van den Burg and Olivier Mauny**, who bring their son **Valentin** for baptism today.
- There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can stay and join us! Our coffee volunteers today are Margaret, Marjorie and Joe.
- Our minister, the Rev. Lance Stone, is on holiday for the next three Sundays. We are grateful to the **Rev. John Bell** for leading our service today. Next week our Consistory members will lead the service and the preacher is **Astrid König**. On 22 May our service will be led by **Jan Michael**. If you are in need of pastoral care during our minister's absence, you are welcome to contact Heleen Koning: *scriba@ercadam.nl* or 06-13097756.
- **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Danielle Vroom & Pratiwi Haris); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led today by Je Hart and Pamela Woolley) meets at the ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11, where parents are asked to pick up their children after the service. The Junior Church (led today by Giles Francis) will go to Cafe Luxembourg today and will come back to the church afterwards.
- 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:**  
**Wednesday, 11 May, Taize service at the Begijnhof Chapel at 7:30pm:** a joint service with our Catholic neighbours across the courtyard.

**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 summer Meet 'n Greet for volunteers of *De Kloof* will take place on Sunday, 19 June after the service. This is an opportunity to put names to faces and exchange ideas about the work we do at *De Kloof*.

- 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!
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- Our **Annual Summer Party** will be on Sunday 26th of June. If you would like to attend please add your name to the Summer Party list on the notice board or contact Ingrid Zimmermann-Sørensen after the service or on telephone: 020 7701341 or email: *mail@in-grids.net*
  - **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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Don't forget to connect with the church online for all the latest news and information:



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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](http://www.mmh.mw))

I would like the Minister to contact me:                   Please note my change of address:

Name: .....

Address.....

Postcode: ..... Town.....

Telephone..... Email .....