

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

February 5th 2017

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: Air, J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Praise the LORD!

**Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.**

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.**

Psalm 112:1,4-5

❖ **Hymn 44:** *Praise waits for thee in Zion, Lord*

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer)
(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, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Lesson:** Isaiah 58:3-10 (Old Testament, p.698)

❖ **Music in worship:** ‘...No darkness at all...’, Ned Rorem

❖ **Lesson:** Matthew 5:13-20 (New Testament, p.4)

❖ **Hymn 550:** *As the deer pants for the water*

❖ **Sermon:** *fasting for justice followed by pause for reflection*

❖ Response to God's Word

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come now, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

Come, Lord, and o-pen in us the gates of your... king-dom. The

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering & dedication** *Tiento de Falses de sisé to, Pau Bruna*

❖ **Hymn 510:** *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

❖ **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:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we life them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	our thanks and praise

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join 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.**

❖ **Sharing of bread and wine** *Blest feast of Love, John Duro*

Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 470:** *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

Sending out with blessing (*followed by sung Amen*)

Amen Amen Am-----en

Postlude:

Toccatà in C, J.S. Bach

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Today is a **family service** in which **Communion** is offered to all ages. A **blessing** will also be offered. There is **no Sunday School or Junior Church** as children stay in church for the whole service.

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture readers are Nick and Zahra Thomas. Prayers of intercession are led by Veronica Garcia Robles; Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Sarah Wang.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door for more information.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship this week: Wednesday, 7.30 pm** Ecumenical Taizé service with our neighbours, the Begijnhofkapel, across the courtyard.
- Churches in Amsterdam are joining forces to **support refugees**. Football matches are being organized! The first match will be on 25 March. Level of fitness, age, sex are irrelevant. If you fancy joining in – striker, goalie or maybe even ref!- just let Michael Blazey or Gillian Walker know, at: gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com; michael.blazey@online.nl
- Anyone interested in a 4 week 'Exploring the Faith' course, looking at the story the Bible tells and how we fit into it? For anyone considering baptism, confirmation, church membership. Speak to Lance.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church is committed to cooking lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. Interested? Please contact Tom Flanagan: 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.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks

These follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a programme of readings followed by churches all over the world. We normally use two of these passages in our services, sometimes quoting the Psalm in our Call to Worship. The passage or passages we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Feb 12th : Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; **Matthew 5:21-37**;

1 Corinthians 3:1-9.

Feb 19th : Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**;

1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

Feb 26th : Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131; **Matthew 6:24-34**; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

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Founded in 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam, we welcome worshippers from all over the world. Within the Reformed Tradition, we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

Our congregation relies on support through the gifts of time, talent and finance. We aim to be financially self-supporting and generous in outreach and mission.

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