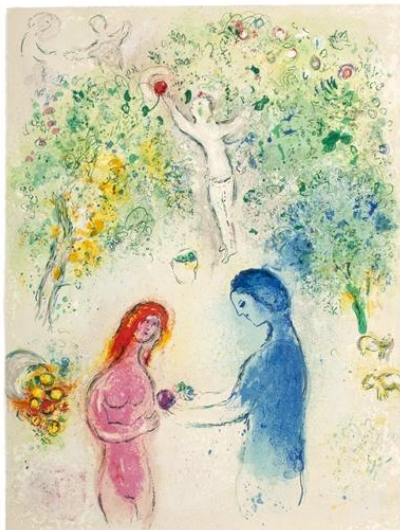


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

March 5th 2017



Marc Chagall: Daphnis and Chloe

Preparation:

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am

Prelude: Where shall I flee?, J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.** *Psalms 51:10,15-17*

❖ Hymn 482:

Come, let us to the Lord our God

❖ 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:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (Old Testament, p.2)
- ❖ **Music in Worship** *Through Adam's fall...*, Gottfried August Humilius
- ❖ **Lesson:** Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament, p.3)
- ❖ **Hymn 337:** *Forty days and forty nights*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *tempting or testing?* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 795:** *Take, oh, take me as I am*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication** *Durch Adams Fall*, Joh. Pachelbel
- ❖ **Hymn 338:** *Jesus, tempted in the desert*
- ❖ **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 **It is right to give**
to the Lord our God **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** *Into the woods my master went*, 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 354:** *O love, how deep, how broad, how high!*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude: *Fantasia on "Ton-y-botel"*, Richard Purvis

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

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. It is an all-age service of Holy Communion in which all who are baptised and all who look to Jesus as Saviour are invited to partake.

Scripture reader is Luke Calvert Morrison. Prayers of intercession are led by Janet Donzelmann.

Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Peggy Krol.

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.
- After the service today there is the opportunity to give an offering if you would like to support the **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, a mission our church has supported for many years. This is a retiring collection at the door as you leave the sanctuary.
- **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:** meditative Taizé-style worship with our Roman Catholic neighbors on Wednesday in the Begijnhofkapel, at 7.30.
- This month's Coffee Morning will be at the home of Joke de Bruin. More information is available from Joke or from Pastor Lance.
- Elders meet for a **Consistory** meeting on Monday evening. Note that this is an open meeting for all non-confidential business. Minutes – see notice board.
- Note that during this season of **LENT** there will be a **daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer** on the church website, www.ercadam.nl.
- Churches in Amsterdam are joining forces to **support refugees**. Football matches are being organized! The first matches will be on Sunday 26th 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
- **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.

March 12th : Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; **John 3:1-17**; Romans 4:1-5,13-17,

March 19th : Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; John 4:5-42; Romans 6:1-11.

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