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## Our Congregation

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.

### 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:

I would like information about:

- Church Membership  Baptisms  Concerts  Sunday School or Crèche  
 Weddings  20s30s Group  Church Magazine  
 Mulanje Mission Hospital (www.mmh.mw)  Volunteering

I would like the Minister to contact me:

Please note my change of address:

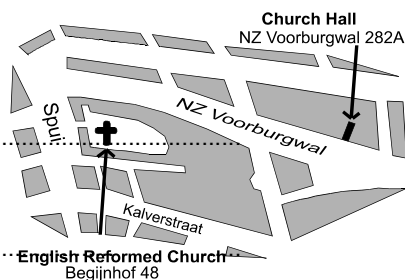
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## “Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2017



## Preparation:

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

Prelude:

*Jesu, meine Freude, J.S. Bach*

## Call to Worship and Approach to God

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord:

**for God's love endures for ever.**

Open our lips, O Lord

**and our mouths will proclaim your praise.**

❖ **Hymn 173:** *Sing to God new songs of worship*

❖ **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: John 3:1-17 (New Testament, p.90)
- ❖ Hymn 358: *The great love of God is revealed in the Son*
- ❖ Lesson: Psalm 121 (Old Testament, p.582)
- ❖ Music in worship: *How beautiful are the feet of them – G.F. Händel*  
*Judi Haynes-Smart, soprano Giles Francis, violin*
- ❖ Hymn 600: *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*
- ❖ Sermon: *followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 520: *Ye who the name of Jesus bear*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Rejoice!, G.F. Händel*
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 816 followed by:  
Gracious God,  
your love for the world is revealed  
in the sending of your Son  
and in the giving of all good gifts:  
**May our love for you be shown  
through these our offerings  
and through our lives. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 512: *To God be the glory*

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



## Postlude:

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

*Our service today is led by Ds Robert Jan Bakker.  
The Scripture reader today is Mattia Falcone.*

*Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning & Thijs Glasz.*

## A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards!

## Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- We welcome **Rev Robert Jan Bakker**. He will lead the service as our own minister, Lance Stone, is away at the International Presbytery meeting in Rotterdam along with Baafi Sekyere and Thijs Polstra.
- There is a **crèche** for children under four years old, please ask at the door.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Sunday School** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal (see map on back of this service sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service.
- **Midweek Fellowship this week:** continuing our **Bible Studies** on Matthew's Gospel, Wednesday at 7.30pm at 9-II Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
- In this season of **LENT** there is a daily a Bible reading, reflection and prayer on the church website: [www.ercadam.nl](http://www.ercadam.nl)
- Churches in Amsterdam are joining forces to **support refugees**. Football matches are being organized! The first matches will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com); [michael.blazey@online.nl](mailto:michael.blazey@online.nl)
- Please note that our **Annual General Meeting** will be held after the service on **Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please stay for this meeting if you can, especially if you are a full member of the church. We are hoping to organise a **pot-luck** lunch that day.
- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl)
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of [www.ercadam.nl](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> : Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; **John 4:5-42**; Romans 6:1-11

March 26<sup>th</sup> : **1 Samuel 16:1-13**; Psalm 23; John 9:1-41; Ephesians 5:8-14