

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

March 19th 2017



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
 Prelude: Pastorale, F. de la Tombelle

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

**Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.**

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

Isaiah 51: 1,3,6

❖ **Hymn 59:** *Oh, come, and let us to the 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
- ❖ Admission of Gail and Michael Blazey to membership
- ❖ Hymn 626: *Holy Spirit, truth divine*
- ❖ Lesson: John 4:5-30 (New Testament, p.91)
- ❖ Music in Worship: *Living Water*, Emily Crocker
- ❖ Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 (Old Testament, p.66)
- ❖ Hymn 540: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*
- ❖ Sermon: *Are you thirsty?* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 722: *Spirit of God, come dwell within me*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession

Offering *Beati quorum via*, Charles Villiers Stanford
(text: Psalm 119, vs.1)

- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 816 followed by:
Eternal God, fount of all blessing,
welling up within us and around us,
Of your own we give to you,
for the telling of the Gospel,
the work of your kingdom,
and the glory of your name. Amen
- ❖ Hymn 738: *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude: *Prelude and fugue in d-minor*, J.S. Bach

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

*Our service today is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Peggy Krol. Prayers of intercession are led by Sally Stone.
Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott & Nick Thomas.*

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

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.
- **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.
- **Remember** that next week the time changes early Sunday morning: we spring ahead one hour!
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Ladies Fellowship meets this Thursday at the home of Joke de Bruin. More info from Joke or from Peggy. **Next week (Wed March 29th), 19.30:** Service with prayers for healing at the church.
- **Next Sunday, March 26th, from 13.30 – 16.30: Football Fellowship Amsterdam** at Bijlmer Sportpark, Karspeldreef 501, Amsterdam 1102 BX. Befriend refugees in games of football. Level of fitness, age, sex are irrelevant. Let Michael Blazey or Gillian Walker know, at: *gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com*; *michael.blazey@online.nl*. If you don't plan to play, just come and spectate!
- In this season of **LENT** there is a daily a Bible reading, reflection and prayer on the church website: *www.ercadam.nl*
- Please note that our **Annual General Meeting** will be held after the service on **Sunday April 9th**. We are hoping to organise a **pot-luck** lunch.

Holy Week Services:

Thurs April 13th, 18.00 hrs: Passover seder (includes food, please sign up) at the church. Children welcome.

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Friday April 14th, 8 pm: Good Friday service (preceded by devotional music from 7.30 pm).

Saturday April 15th, 9 pm: Easter service of light with renewal of baptismal vows.

Sunday April 16th, 10.30 am: Easter morning Holy Communion service with choir.

- **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*

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 26th : **1 Samuel 16:1-13**; Psalm 23; John 9:1-41; Ephesians 5:8-14.

April 2nd : Ezekiel 37:1—14; Psalm 130; John 11:1-45; Romans 8:6-11, **John 11:1-45**.

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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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