

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

March 26th 2017



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: "A lamb goes and carries the blame", Ernst Pepping

Call to Worship and Approach to God

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it,
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
For his love endures forever.
Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

❖ **Hymn 210:** *Awake my soul*

❖ **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:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Old Testament, p.267)

1. Don't go looking at my great big muscley arms,
They're so muscley from my shoulders to my palms;
Though you may be so impressed that I'm very, very blessed,
The Bible says that God looks at the heart!
2. Don't go looking at my gorgeous big blue eyes,
They're so gorgeous that they are sure to win a prize;
Though you may be so impressed that I'm very, very blessed,
The Bible says that God looks at the heart!
3. Now you know that I'm the brainiest in my class,
I'm a star at English, science, French and maths;
Though you may be so impressed that I'm very, very blessed,
The Bible says that God looks at the heart!
4. You should see my skills out on the football pitch
You might think those skills could make me very rich;
Though you may be so impressed that I'm very, very blessed,
The Bible says that God looks at the heart!
5. Now the world is taken in by what it sees,
All those pop stars, sports stars and celebrities;
Though we may be so impressed that they're very, very blessed,
The Bible says that God looks at the heart!

❖ **Lesson:** Ephesians 5:8-14 (New Testament, p.192)
Music in Worship: *Adagio from Sonata III, J.S.Bach*
Giles Francis, violin

❖ **Hymn 598:** *Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire*

❖ **Sermon:** *looking at the heart,* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 553:** *Just as I am, without one plea*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering** *Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Pietro Mascagni*

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 816 followed by:**

Generous God, we offer these tokens
of our love and of our grateful hearts:

**Take them and use them to shine
the light of your Kingdom upon your world. Amen**

❖ **Hymn 543:** *Longing for light, we wait in darkness*

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

Postlude: 1st movement from *Concerto II, Bach/Vivaldi*

*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 conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Thorsten König. Prayers of intercession are led by Nick Thomas. Consistory members on duty are Sarah Wang & Thorsten König.

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.
- **TODAY from 13.30 – 16.30 hrs: Football Fellowship Amsterdam** at Bijlmer Sportpark, Karspeldreef 501, Amsterdam 1102 BX. Befriend refugees in games of football. Level of fitness, age, sex are irrelevant. If you don't plan to play, come and spectate!
- **Midweek Fellowship, Wed. at 19.30 in church:** Service of prayer for healing.
- 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
- 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.

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

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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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