

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

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017



***‘Unbind him and let him go!’***

## **Preparation:**

*Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am  
Prelude: Christ lay in death’s bonds, J.S. Bach*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

From the rising of the sun  
till its setting in the West,  
**God’s holy name be praised.**

In the visions of the old  
and the dreaming of the young,  
**God’s holy name be praised.**

On the lips of children,  
by babies at the breast,  
**God’s holy name be praised.**

In the banquet hall of heaven  
and in earth’s gifts of bread and wine,  
**Let everything that has breath praise  
God.**

❖ **Hymn 124:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

❖ **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 11:38-44 (New Testament, p.102)

- ❖ **Music in Worship:** *For love will my savior die*, J.S. Bach  
Persephone Abbott, soprano; Kate Wareham, flute
- ❖ **Lesson:** Romans 8:6-11 (New Testament, 153)
- ❖ **Hymn 87:** *Lord, from the depths to thee I cried*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *Loosing Lazarus* followed by pause for reflection

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 782:** *Lord of life, we come to you*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication** from *Première Leçon de Ténèbres*, F. Couperin
- ❖ **Hymn 656:** *I come with joy, a child of God*
- ❖ **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 769** (verse 1 solo, then repeated by the congregation, followed by):

In God's name is coming  
The One who we call blessed.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Praise and thanks to God.

- ❖ **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** *O man, bewail thy grievous fall*, J.S. Bach  
*Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and  
alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.*
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 352:** *O for a thousand tongues, to sing*

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

*Postlude:* *Sons of sorrow*, Dale Wood

*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 Malou Genet. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Giles Francis.*

## 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**.
- **Midweek Fellowship, Wed. at 19.30, Bible Study** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, continuing our studies in Matthew's Gospel.
- 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)
- Please note that our **Annual General Meeting** will be held after the service on **Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**. The agenda and annual reports can be picked up after the service or via [scriba@ercadam.nl](mailto:scriba@ercadam.nl)

### Holy Week Services:

Sun. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am: Palm Sunday with choir and children's procession

Thurs. April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm: Passover seder at the church. Children welcome  
(includes food, **please sign up**, \*see below)

“ “ : 8 pm: Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm: Good Friday service with choir, (preceded by  
devotional music from 7:30 pm)

Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 pm: Easter service of light with renewal of baptismal vows

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am: Easter morning Holy Communion service with choir and brass

*\*This year we share a passover seder (service) before our service on Maundy Thursday here in the church. We hope many of you will join - children are especially encouraged. There are a number of different ways you could be involved, including preparing food (recipes will be provided). If you would like to do this there will be a group preparation evening on Wed 12 April, so you can also help in good humour and company. Please sign up on the notice board. Any questions, please send an e-mail to Pamela ([pw@pamela-woolley.com](mailto:pw@pamela-woolley.com)).*

- **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)

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 9-29; Matthew 21:1-11; **Philippians 2:5-11**.

April 16<sup>th</sup>: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; **Matthew 28:1-10**; Colossians 3:1-4

April 23<sup>rd</sup> : Acts 2:14a,22-32; Palm 16; John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9

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