

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

April 23rd 2017



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: Prelude on "Antioch" (I know that my redeemer lives), Dale Wood

Call to Worship and Approach to God

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16

❖ **Hymn 462:** *The King of love my shepherd is*

❖ **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** *Giles Francis*

❖ **Hymn 192:** *All my hope in God is founded*

❖ **Lesson:** John 20: 19-31 (New Testament, p.112)

❖ **Music in Worship:** *Awake, my heart, with gladness*, Ernst Pepping

❖ **Lesson:** Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (New Testament, p.115)

❖ **Hymn 489:** *Come down, O love divine*

❖ **Sermon** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 579:** *Come, my way, my truth, my life*

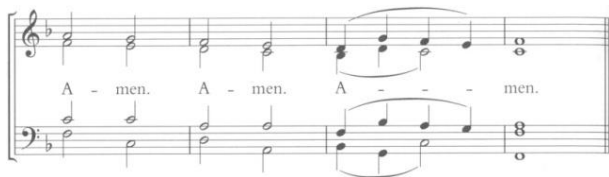
❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering** *Now be joyful, dear Christians all*, J. S. Bach

❖ **Dedication**

❖ **Hymn 200:** *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Valediction (*followed by sung Amen*)



Postlude: *Arisen is the holy Christ*, J.S. Bach

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Our Preacher today is Nick Thomas, a member of our Consistory. Scripture reader is Dorothy McMillan. Prayers of intercession are led by Heleen Koning. Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott & 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.
- 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: The Bible Study on Matthew's Gospel resumes this Wednesday evening at 7:30pm at JW Brouwersstraat 9.
- On Sunday, April 30th there will be a **memorial service for Dick van Spijk** in the church at 2:00pm. All are welcome.
- Anyone interested in a 4 week '**Exploring the Christian Faith**' course, looking at the story the Bible tells and how we fit into it? For anyone considering baptism, confirmation, church membership. Contact Lance.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com. A monthly football tournament is planned for the coming months, following the success of the recent one. Many opportunities for volunteering. Contact Gillian or Michael Blazey on michael.blazey@online.nl
- This year marks **the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.** To mark this, on **Sunday May 7th**, our service will end by processing out onto the Spui where we will join with the other churches on the Spui and Singel (Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Mennonites) for an act of witness outside the Oude Lutherse Kerk, followed by refreshments there and a brief talk on the significance of the Reformation today. Please join in!
 - **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.
 - 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.

Bible Reading 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 30th : Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19; Luke 24:13-35; 1 Peter 1:17-23.

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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.

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