

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

April 30th 2017

Third Sunday of Easter



Preparation:

Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Prelude: Idyl, Guy Michell

Call to Worship and Approach to God

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

**Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful. *Psalm 116:1-4***

❖ Hymn 415:

This joyful Eastertide

❖ 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: Luke 24:13-35 (New Testament, p.86)
- ❖ Hymn 404: *I danced in the morning*
- ❖ Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (New Testament, p.115)
- ❖ Music in worship : *If thou but suffer God to guide thee*, Georg Böhm
- ❖ Hymn 424: *Blest be the everlasting God*
- ❖ Sermon: *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 539: *I want Jesus to walk with me*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Sinfonia: "I stand at the threshold"*, J.S.Bach
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 811 followed by:
Gracious God,
present to us in your risen Son,
be present in these gifts we offer
and in us who offer them;
**so spread your rule throughout the world
and bring new life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 413: *The day of resurrection*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude:

Dialogue, Charles Talmadge

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

*Our service today is led by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone.
Scripture reader is Mike Zuber. Prayers of intercession are led by Ingrid
Sorensen-Zimmemann.*

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.
- **Sunday School** is held at the Church Hall, 282A Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal (see map on back of this sheet). Parents are asked to collect their children after the end of the service. There is no **Junior Church** this morning.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Today at 2 pm** there will be a thanksgiving service for one of our members, Dick van Spijk, who died before Christmas. All welcome.
- The **Coffee Morning** for May will take place this Tuesday in the Amsterdamse Bos. More information from Pastor Lance.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Bible Study, Wed. at 7:30 pm, 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Concluding our series on Matthew's Gospel.
- 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
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.

Next weekend:

- The Mennonite church on the Singel is hosting a meal for Liberation Day, **May 5th**. This will be at the Singelkerk (next door to the Krijtberg Church) from 5:00pm-7:30pm. There will be a speaker, Dr Ewoud Kieft, who will talk about a book he has written about Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. All welcome. Please inform Lance if you would like to attend.
- Also next Friday, **May 5th**, 5:00pm: liberation meal for refugees at the Wereldhuis, Nieuwe Kalverstraat. Food, stories, toast to freedom, open mic. Cost €10, and for each ticket bought a refugee eats for free. Tickets via email: info@wereldhuis.org or call Margriet (020-5353034). For more information: www.wereldhuis.org/vrijheidsmaaltijk
- This year marks the **500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation**. To mark this, next **Sunday, May 7th**, our service will end by processing out onto the Spui. There 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!

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.

May 6th : **Acts 2.42-47**; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

May 13th: Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; **1 Peter 2.2-10**; John 14.1-14

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