

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

May 7th 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: Pastorale, J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Psalm 23: 1,2,3,5.

❖ **Hymn 63:** *All people that on earth do dwell*

❖ **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 10:1-10 (New Testament, p.100)

❖ **Music in worship** *My Shepherd will supply my need, Virgil Thomson*

❖ **Lesson:** Acts 2:42-47 (New Testament, p.116)

❖ **Hymn 522:** *The Church is wherever God's people are praising*

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

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 359:** *He came down that we might have love;*

Verse 2: *He came down that we might have life.*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

- ❖ **Offering & dedication** *Go forth into the world in peace*, John Rutter
- ❖ **Hymn 14:** *The Lord's my shepherd*
- ❖ **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 life 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 651: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*
- ❖ **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**
Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 355:** *You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude: *Prelude on 'Old 100th', Joh. Pachelbel*

Please remain in place until the minister and Consistory have left the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phones.

Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Jared Penner. Prayers of intercession are led by Janet Donszelmann.

Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott & Nick Thomas.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** as this is an all-age Communion service.
- This is an all-age service of **Holy Communion** in which all who look to Jesus as Saviour are invited to partake.
- After the service there is the opportunity to donate to the **Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi**, which our church supports. You can put your donations in the collection plates at the door as you leave.
- The **20s/30s group** meets for their monthly luncheon after the gathering at the Lutherse Kerk after our service today. If you would like to join us we can walk together from the Spui to the restaurant.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wednesday, 7:30pm, Joint **Taizé service** with the Roman Catholic Begijnhofkapel across the yard. At the Begijnhofkapel.
- There are cards in the vestibule for you to sign if you would like—these messages of prayerful support will be sent to struggling **churches in Kerak, Jordan**, which are having difficulties right now.
- 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.
- There is a **Flower List** hanging in the Consistory room if you would like to sign up to sponsor the flowers on a certain Sunday. Donations can be given to Susan Polstra or to one of the members of Consistory.
- **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
- 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. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- 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.

May 14th: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; **John 14.1-14**; 1 Peter 2:2-10.

May 21st: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-21; 1 Peter 3:13-22.

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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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