

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

May 21st 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: Prière à Notre-Dame, Léon Boëllmann

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

Happy are those whom you choose
and bring near to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your
house, your holy temple.**

Psalm 65:1,2,4

❖ **Hymn 70:** *Give praise and thanks unto the Lord*

❖ **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 14:15-21 (New Testament, p.105)
- ❖ **Hymn 585:** *When our Saviour Yesu went away*
- ❖ **Music in worship:** *If ye love me*, Thomas Tallis
- ❖ **Lesson:** Acts 17:22-31 (New Testament, p.134)
- ❖ **Hymn 603:** *For your gift of God the Spirit*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *Spirit of Truth and Advocate* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 595:** *O Breath of life, come sweeping through us*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Let not your heart be troubled*, Mark Dickey
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 808** followed by:
Gracious God,
for all good gifts of body, mind and spirit
we praise and give you thanks.
**Anoint these our gifts and us
with your Holy Spirit,
for the spreading of your Kingdom
and the glory of your name. Amen**
- ❖ **Hymn 594:** *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

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



Postlude: *Minuet gothique*, Léon Boëllmann

*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, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Jolmer Gerritse. Prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart.

Consistory members on duty are Heleen Koning & Sarah Wang.

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. **Junior Church** meet at the entrance to the church after the first prayer and go this morning to the World House.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- This week's **midweek Fellowship: Men's Group** meet on **Thursday May 25th, 7.30 pm** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat to watch Pasolini's acclaimed film *The Gospel According to St Matthew*.
- The **General Assembly of the Church of Scotland** is meeting this week in Edinburgh. You can watch the proceedings via their live stream at www.churchofscotland.org.uk.
- 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.
- **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. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
- 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.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of www.ercadam.nl.
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print**. Just ask at the door.

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 28th: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; John 17:1-11 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11.
June 4th : (Pentecost): Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; John 7:37-39;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13.

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