

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

May 28th 2017

Sunday after Ascension Day



*‘Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around.’
1 Peter 5:8*

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Prelude: Canzona in d-minor, J.S.Bach*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.

**Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;**
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God! *Psalm 68:34, 35*

❖ **Hymn 440:** *The Lord ascendeth up on high*

❖ **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
- ❖ Ordination to the eldership of **Jaap Maas, Ingrid Sørensen, Gillian Walker, Pamela Woolley**
- ❖ Hymn 489: *Come down, O Love Divine*
- ❖ Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (New Testament, p.232)
- ❖ Music in worship *Berceuse, Manuel de Falla*
Giles Francis, violin
- ❖ Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 (New Testament, p.114)
- ❖ Hymn 46 (Psalm 68, v.18,19,20): *Most glorious Lord, you have gone*
- ❖ Sermon: *your adversary the devil? followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 443: *He is Lord, he is Lord*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Adagio, J.S.Bach*
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 808 followed by:
the earth is yours and everything in it.
**Use these gifts that all may know
that Jesus is Lord,
that love is stronger than hate,
goodness is stronger than evil,
life is stronger than death.
To the glory of your name. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 454: *A safe stronghold our God is still*

Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude: *Ein' feste Burg*, Friederich Wilhelm Marpurg

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A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. Scripture reader is Hannelize van Zyl. Prayers of intercession are led by Reint Huizinga. Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis & Thijs Glasz.

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 to go for their class.
- **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: Bible Study on Wednesday, 7.30 pm** at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Continuing our series on Exodus, looking at chapters 5-8.
- Next **Saturday June 3rd, 7:30pm, 'Celebration of the Spirit'** at the Oude Kerk. Pentecost Vigil with Taizé songs, lessons from different traditions, and prayer. Volunteers needed. Please let Lance know if you are coming. <https://oudekerk.amsterdam/nieuws/pinksterwake/> .
- 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.

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.

June 4th : (Pentecost): Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; John 7:37-39;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13.

June 11th : Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Palm 8; Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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