

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

March 18<sup>th</sup> 2018



*'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all people to myself.'*

**Preparation:**        *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

*Prelude: "Adagio" from Concerto II, J.S. Bach/Vivaldi*

## **Call to Worship and Approach to God**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**O Lord, open my lips,  
And my tongue will proclaim your praise.**

Psalm 51: 10-12, 15

❖ **Hymn 59** (psalm 95):        *Oh, come, and let us to 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
- ❖ Baptism of *Marcus Levi Bromfield, son of Eva & Courtney*
- ❖ Hymn 577: *Christ be beside you*
- ❖ Lesson: John 12:20-33 (New Testament, p.103)
- ❖ Music in worship *Aus Liebe, J.S. Bach*  
*Judi Haynes-Smart, soprano; Kate Wareham, flute*
- ❖ Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-10 (New Testament, p.189)
- ❖ Hymn 405: *We sing the praise of him who died*
- ❖ Sermon: *The draw of the cross* *Followed by pause for reflection*

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 397: *In the cross of Christ I glory*
- ❖ Prayers of intercession
- ❖ Offering *Ich folge dir, J.S. Bach*
- ❖ Dedication: hymn 806 followed by:  
Gracious God,  
We offer you these gifts as tokens  
of our love for you.  
**Use them, and us,**  
**in the service of your kingdom**  
**and your plan to gather up**  
**all things in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
- ❖ Hymn 398 (*Tune: Neander, 475*) *Sing, my tongue, how glorious battle*

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



Postlude: "Allegro" from *Concerto II*, J.S. Bach/Vivaldi

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

*Our service today is conducted by Rev Dr Lance Stone. The reader is Nick Thomas. Prayers of intercession are led by Sally Stone. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone & Thijs Glasz.*

# A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

*Special welcome to family and friends of Marcus,  
being baptised today*

## 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** and **Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone (*Sarah Wang*) is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing prayer**.
- The **WhatsApp Bible reading group**, reading through **Mark's Gospel** meets after church today in the Deaconry Room around 12 noon. Anyone interested in possibly joining this group is welcome to come along.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wed March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm, at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat: **Bible Study**, continuing in the Book of Ruth.
- **Lent devotions:** Please note that during this season of Lent there are daily devotions on our church's website that you are invited to access.

### Holy Week and Easter services:

Thurs March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8pm: Maundy Thursday Communion.

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 8pm : Good Friday service with the choir. *Meditative music from 7:30pm*

Sat March 31st 21.00 hrs: Service of light with renewal of baptismal vows.

Sun April 1st, 10.30 hrs: Easter service with Holy Communion, choir, and brass.

Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).

- **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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).
- On Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> a team from our church will join the refugee walk (**Nacht van de Vluchteling**). The goal is to raise funds for emergency aid for refugees worldwide and to create more awareness for their situation. Everyone is invited to join us for the walk. Please reach out to Gillian Walker or Thijs Glasz for more information.
- Receive news about our **services, concerts and church life** by signing up to our weekly e-newsletter on the homepage of [www.ercadam.nl](http://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.

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> : Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; **Mark 11:1-11**; Philippians 2:5-11

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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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