

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

April 25th 2018

Palm / Passion Sunday



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

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Praise to him who is coming in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

See, your King is coming to you,

Humble, riding on an ass,

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

Gates, raise your arches! Rise, eternal doors!

Let the King of glory in!

❖ **Hymn 364:** *All glory, laud and honour, to you, Redeemer, King*

❖ **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:**

Mark 11:1-11 (New Testament, p.45)

❖ **Hymn with choir**

Hosanna hallelujah! Sing we loud and clear;
Hosanna hallelujah! Jesus Christ is near;
With ancient psalms and new-grown palms, praise him on his way;
Hosanna hallelujah! Christ our Lord is here.

Ho - san - na, hal - le - lu - jah! Sing we loud and clear.

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With an - cient psalms and new - grown palms Praise him on his way.

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❖ **Music in worship**

- ❖ **Lesson:** Mark 14:3-9 (New Testament, 49)
- ❖ **Hymn 279:** *Make way, make way, for Christ the King*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 521:** *Children of God, reach out to one another!*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication; Hymn 806, followed by:**
Loving God,
our gifts are small and the world's needs are great,
and our offerings seem mere gestures.
**But take them and use them
for the coming of your Kingdom,
proclaimed on the first Palm Sunday. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 365:** *Ride on! ride on in majesty!*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** *(followed by sung Amen)*

Postlude:

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

Our service is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. The reader is Carl-Douglas Darlington; prayers of intercession are led by Margaret Richards. Elders on duty are Sarah Wang & Jaap Maas.

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**.

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 (*Margaret Richards*) is available after the service in the chancel (behind the Communion table) for **anyone wishing prayer**.
- **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 29th, 8pm: Maundy Thursday Communion.

Friday March 30th, 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.
- Anyone with a car or access to one interested in helping with the **Food Run**, a means of getting just-past-its-sell-by-date food to needy people, working with an organization called *Buurt Buik* (see buurtbuik.nl)? This would be part of a rota currently involving you about once per month. Speak to Joe Alibasah.
- **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.
- On Saturday June 16th 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.

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.

April 1st: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

April 8th: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; John 20:19-31; 1 John 1:1-22

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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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