

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

April 8th 2018

1st Sunday after Easter

MY LORD and MY GOD



Prelude: Prelude on 'I know that my redeemer lives', Dale Wood

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters live in unity.

It is like the precious oil on the head,
**running down on the beard of Aaron,
and over the collar of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Mount Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
**For there the Lord has commanded
the blessing, life forevermore**

Psalm 133

❖ **Hymn 412:** *The strife is o'er, the battle done*

❖ **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 20:19-31 (New Testament, p.112)
- ❖ **Hymn 528:** *Make me a channel of your peace*
- ❖ **Lesson:** Acts 4:23-31 (New Testament, p.118)
- ❖ **Music in worship :** *Auf, auf, mein Herz, mit Freuden*, Ernst Pepping
- ❖ **Hymn 424:** *Blest be the everlasting God*
- ❖ **Sermon** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 596:** *Breathe on me, Breath of God*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein*, J.S. Bach
- ❖ **Dedication; Hymn 811, followed by:**
Gracious God,
in gratitude we offer to you these tokens
of our love and gratitude.
By the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus
Use them and us in the service
Of your coming Kingdom. Amen.
- ❖ **Hymn 413:** *The day of resurrection!*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** *(followed by sung Amen)*



Postlude: Erstanden ist der Heil'ge Christ, J.S. Bach

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

*Our service is led by Rev Neil Meyer, a Church of Scotland minister from South Africa who is currently minister of a church in Kintore in the North East of Scotland. A warm welcome to him, his wife Michelle and their daughters Christine and Bridget.
The reader today is Mattia Falcone. Consistory members on duty are Sarah Wang & Mattia Falcone.*

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** meets at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents are asked to collect their children after the service.
- **Prayer:** Someone is available after the service in the chancel for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- **Midweek Fellowship: Taizé** service together with our neighbours at the Begijnhof chapel, Wednesday at 7:30pm at the chapel. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join us.
- Please note that next Sunday, April 15th, after the service, we will be holding **our Annual General Meeting**. The Book of Reports is available online, or in hard copy at the church entrance today. All full members should attend if possible and other regular attendees are welcome.
- Anyone interested in a 4 week '**Exploring the Christian Faith**' course, looking at the story the Bible tells and how we fit into it? For anyone considering baptism, confirmation, church membership. Contact Lance.
- Anyone with a car or access to one interested in helping with the **Food Run**, a means of getting just-past-its-sell-by-food to needy people? This would be part of a rota currently involving you about once per month. Contact Joe on joehennes@yahoo.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.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- 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** in the church vestibule.

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 15th : **Acts 3:12-19**; Psalm 4; Luke 24:36b-48; 1 John 3:1-7.

April 22nd : **Acts 4:5-12**; Psalm 23; John 10:11-18; 1 John 3:16-24.

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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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