

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

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2018

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



*Prelude: Cornet Voluntary, William Walond*

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

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;

**and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
**and he rules over the nations.**

*Psalms 22:25-31*

❖ **Hymn 173:** *Sing to God new songs of worship*

❖ **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
- ❖ Hymn 562: *Through the love of God, our Saviour*
- ❖ Lesson: John 15:1-8 (New Testament, p.106)
- ❖ Music in worship: *Jesus, Life of My Life*, Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
- ❖ Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 (New Testament, p.238)
- ❖ Hymn 592: *Like the murmur of the dove's song*
- ❖ Sermon: *Abiding* followed by pause for reflection

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 604: *Holy wisdom, lamp of learning*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Cantique*, Flor Peeters
- ❖ Dedication; Hymn 811, followed by:  
Living God,  
as you have loved us  
so we offer these tokens of  
our love for you:  
**Use them and us  
for the bearing of the  
fruit of your Kingdom.  
In Christ's name we pray, amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 198: *Let us build a house*
- ❖ Sending out with blessing (*followed by sung Amen*)



Postlude: *Leve de Koning!*

*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 Jens Sørensen. Prayers of intercession are led by  
Nick Thomas. Consistory members on duty are Thijs Glasz &  
Pamela Woolley.*

# 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** 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: Bible Study**, THURSDAY, 7:30pm at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Chapter 2 of the Letter to the Ephesians.
- **Book Launch:** one of our members, Jens Sørensen (pen name Jean Weso), will be launching his new book, *Amsterdam Sniper*, here tomorrow evening, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All 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](mailto: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](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto: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](http://www.ercadam.nl).
- This liturgy sheet is available in **large print** in the vestibule.
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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> : Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; **John 15:9-17**; 1 John 5:1-6

May 13<sup>th</sup> : Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; John 17:6-19; 1 John 5:9-13

## Church Contacts (See profiles of our elders in the church entrance)

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## Our Congregation

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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