

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

May 6th 2018

6th Sunday of Easter



‘you are my friends if you do what I command you...’

John 15:14

Prelude: Idyl, Guy Michell

Call to Worship and Approach to God

From the rising of the sun
till its setting in the West,
God’s holy name be praised.

On the lips of children,
by babies at the breast,
God’s holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old
and the dreaming of the young,
God’s holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven
and in earth’s gifts of bread and wine,
Let everything that has breath praise God.

❖ **Hymn 185:**

Come, children, join and sing

❖ **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 15:9-17 (New Testament, p.106)

❖ **Music in worship:**

Jesus, My Joy, J.G. Walther

❖ **Lesson:**

1 John 5:1-5 (New Testament, p.238)

❖ **Hymn 547:**

What a friend we have in Jesus

❖ **Sermon:** 'Friends' *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 792:** *Our God is a God who makes friends*

❖ **Prayers of intercession**

❖ **Offering** *Andante tranquillo from Sonata III, F. Mendelssohn*

❖ **Dedication**

❖ **Hymn 357:** *"This is my will, my new command*

❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty*

❖ **The Peace, Invitation and the story of the Last Supper**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**
Lift up your hearts **we lift them up to the Lord**
Let us give thanks **It is right to give**
to the Lord our God **our thanks and praise**

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing...

Hymn 651: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...

**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

❖ **Sharing of bread and wine** *Chorale Prelude on 'Converse', M. Jones*

Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 644:** *O Jesus, I have promised*

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

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in d-min., J.S. Bach*

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

Our service is led this morning by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. This is an all-age Communion service. All the baptised and those who look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake.

Scripture readers today are John and Greg Morrison. Prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart. Consistory members on duty are Ingrid Sørensen & Mattia Falcone.

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.
- After the service today there will be a retiring collection for **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, which we've been supporting for many years.
- 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 (*Je Corro*) is available after the service in the chancel for **anyone wishing to be prayed with**.
- This month's **Coffee Morning** will be held this Tuesday, 8 May, at the home of Janet Donszelmann. Pastor Lance will be hosting. For more information speak to either Janet or Pastor Lance.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Joint **Taizé** service on Wed. at 7:30pm, here at the church, along with the Begijnhofkapel, our Roman Catholic neighbours.
- 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 also available in **large print** in the 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.

May 13th : Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; **John 17:6-19**; 1 John 5:9-13

May 20th : **Acts 2:1-21**; Psalm 104:24-35; John 15:26-27; Romans 8:22-27.

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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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