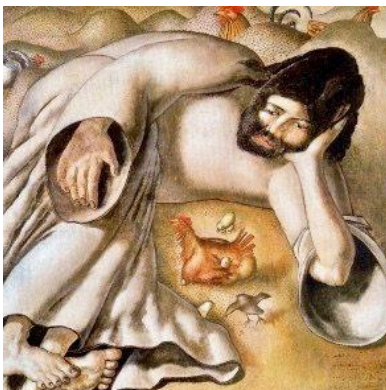


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

March 17th 2019: 2nd Sunday in Lent



Preparation: *Silent prayer, 10.00 am, 20 mins, front right of church*
Prelude: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Approach to God

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD,

“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will cover you with his pinions,

and under his wings you will find refuge;

Psalm 91: 1,2,4

❖ **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**

❖ **Holy Scripture:**

Luke 13:31-35 (New Testament, p.73)

❖ **Hymn 597:** *Loving Spirit, loving Spirit*

❖ **Music in Worship:** *A Lamb Goes Forth to Bear Our Guilt*, E. Pepping

❖ **Holy Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 (New Testament, p.177)

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| 1. Beneath the shadow of Thy wings,
My Father and my God, I rest;
Seeing unseen, eternal things,
My portion soon to be possest. | 3. Sealed by the Spirit I am thine
Raised up to sit with Christ the Lord;
Forth from his face thy glories shine,
Unveiled in him the living Word. |
| 2. Thy Son, Thy First-born from the dead,
Jesus, how excellent is He!
Thy joy and rest - Thy Church's Head -
Father, Thou gavest Him for me! | 4. According to thy riches - Thou
Wilt ever for thy servant care;
Joyful before thy throne I bow,
And Jesus' bliss and glory share. |

Robert C. Chapman

❖ **Sermon:** *She's got us covered*

followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn 593:** *She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering**

Cantique, Flor Peeters

❖ **Dedication: Hymn 806**, followed by

Generous God,
from your open hand come all good things;

Accept we pray these tokens

of our love and gratitude

and use them and us

for the work of your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

❖ **Hymn 162:**

The God of Abraham praise

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

Postlude:

Aotearoa, New Zealand National Anthem

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

Please turn off your mobile phones.

Worship this morning is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.

Scripture reader is Thijs Polstra; prayers of intercession are led by Thorsten König. Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone and Thorsten König.

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, Junior Church** meet at the Lutheran Church, 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents please collect your children after the service.
- **Prayer:** If anyone feels in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder (Sarah Wang) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- Today: **Women's Fellowship** potluck lunch as we launch a new look and feel for all the women at the ERC.
- Also today after the service: **Further in the Faith** Group looking at the book 'Simply Jesus: Who He Was, What He Did and Why it Matters' by N.T. Wright. In the Deaconry Room from 12 noon.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week: Wed March 20th, 19.30hrs, **Bible Study** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Continuing our studies in the Book of Revelation and looking at chapters 14-16 All welcome.
- **AGM:** On 7 April we will have our Annual General Meeting after the service. Everyone is welcome to stay for this. Agenda and Annual Reports available from next Sunday.
- Coming soon: **Men's Group** meeting on Thurs March 28th, to watch the film **The Last Temptation of Christ**. 19.30 hrs at 9 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
- **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** – a Christmas outreach project that involves knitting angels. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: sallyannstone7@gmail.com, or Gillian Walker: 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.
- Interested in work with refugees? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- 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.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

March 24th : **Isaiah 55:1-9**; Psalm 63;1-8; Luke 13:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

March 31st : Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; **Luke 15:1-3,11b-32**; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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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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 Weddings 20s30s Group Church Magazine Mulanje Mission
Hospital (www.mmh.mw) Volunteering

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