

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

March 24th 2019: 3rd Sunday in Lent

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me,
and eat what is **good**,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55:2



Preparation: *Silent prayer, 10.00am, 20 mins, front right of church*

*Preludes: Fantasia in Echo Style, J.P. Sweelinck
Medio Registro Alto de Primer Tono, F. Peraza*

Call to Worship and Approach to God

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63: 5-8

❖ **Hymn 202:** *Stand up and bless 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:** Isaiah 55:1-9 (Old Testament, p.696)
- ❖ **Hymn 550:** *As the deer pants for the water*
- Music in Worship:** *Beati quorum via*, C.V. Stanford
("Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.")
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (New Testament, p.168)
- ❖ **Hymn 540:** *I heard the voice of Jesus say*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *Rich food* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 662:** *Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Fight the Good Fight*, John Gardner
- ❖ **Dedication: Hymn 806**, followed by

Generous God,
giver of life and of
every good gift,
we offer back to you these tokens of our gratitude:
**use these offerings to bring
aid and relief to the Hospital in Mulanje.
We offer them with our prayers. Amen**

- ❖ **Hymn 738:** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

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

Postlude: Pro Fine, Peter Cornet

*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 Morag MacDougall; prayers of intercession are led by Baafi Owusu Sekyere. Consistory members on duty are Peggy Krol and Ingrid Sørensen.

Please note that today's offering is going to the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi which our church supports. Mulanje has suffered flood damage as a result of Tropical Cyclone Idai. Please give generously.

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.
- Please note - **clocks change** next Saturday night!
- If anyone feels in **need of prayer** today, an elder will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, for prayer.
- The **20s-30s group** meet today after church at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat at 12.45 for food and discussion of a podcast. Anyone in this age group (very roughly) interested, speak to Pastor Lance.
- **This week:**
 - Tuesday 26th, 19.30 hrs: **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, chapters 8,9,10,11.
 - Wednesday 27th, 19.30 hrs **Women's Fellowship** meet at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat.
 - Thursday 28th, 19.30 hrs, **Men's Group** meet at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, to watch the film **The Last Temptation of Christ**.
- **AGM:** On April 7th we will hold our **Annual General Meeting** after the service. All welcome and all full members should attend. Reports are available today.
- **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In**, a Christmas outreach project that involves knitting angels. And they are being knitted! They all have wings, some have a halo, some glasses, some eyelashes... If you'd like to join us, the next KnitIns are on Monday, 8 April from 3to4pm and Thursday, 11th April from 7.30 to 9.30pm. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: sallyannstone7@gmail.com or Gillian Walker: gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. We need a new co-ordinator to organise the rota. Interested? Please speak to Pastor Lance.
- 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 31st: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; **Luke 15:1-3,11b-32**; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

April 7th: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8; Philipians 3:4b-14.

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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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