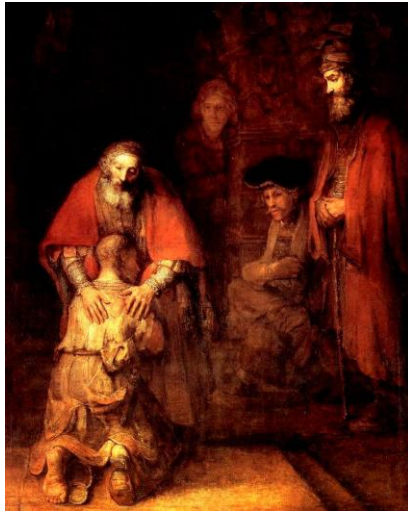


# ***“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”***

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



*Rembrandt. Return of the Prodigal Son*

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

*Prelude: Voluntary in F, John Bennett*

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

Bless the Lord, my soul;  
with all my being I bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and forget none of his benefits.**

He pardons all my wrongdoing  
and heals all my ills.

**He rescues me from the pit of death  
and crowns me with love and compassion.** *Psalm 103: 1-5*

❖ **Hymn 87** (psalm 130): *Lord, from the depths to thee I cried*

❖ **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 15:1-3,11b-32 (New Testament, p.75)
- ❖ Hymn 187: *There's a wideness in God's mercy*
- ❖ Music in Worship: *Lord Christ, God's Only Son,* D. Buxtehude
- ❖ Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (New Testament, p.178)
- ❖ Hymn 484: *Great God, your love has called us here*
- ❖ Sermon: *the sinner and the sinned against* followed by pause for reflection

## Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 555: *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *Christ, All the World's Comfort,* J.S. Bach
- ❖ Dedication: Hymn 806, followed by  
Gracious God,  
All that we are,  
and all that we have,  
comes from you and returns to you.  
**With thanksgiving we offer these gifts,  
and with them we offer  
the praise of our lips,  
the gratitude of our hearts,  
and the service of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 396 (tune *Sagina*): *And can it be, that I should gain*

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

Postlude: *Lord, to Thee I Make Confession,* W.F. Marpurg

*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 Mattia Falcone; prayers of intercession are led by  
Veronica Garcia Robles.*

*Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott and Thijs Glasz.*

# 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 4 Handboogstraat, across the Spui. Parents please collect your children after the service.
- **Prayer:** If anyone feels in particular **need of prayer** today, someone (Margaret Richards) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with them.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Wed April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19.30hrs, **Bible Study** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat. Studying Revelation chapters 17,18,19.
- **Lent Readings:** There are daily devotional readings for Lent available on the website. See 'Lenten Devotionals. A Spiritual Journey to Easter'.
- Next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> our **Annual General Meeting** takes place after the service. All welcome and all full members should attend. Reports are available today.

### Holy Week and Easter Programme:

- Wed April 17: **Food preparation** for Passover celebration at 446 Nieuwe Keizersgracht, 1018VG. Come & go between 17:30 – 21:00 hrs.
- Thur April 18, 18:00: **Passover celebration** (with food) at the church.  
" " " , 20:00: Maundy Thursday **Communion Service**
- Fri April 19, 20:00: **Good Friday service** with choir.  
Organ music from 19.30 hrs.
- Sat April 20, 21:00: **Service of light with Renewal of Baptismal Vows.**
- Sun April 21, 10.30: **Easter morning all-age Communion**  
with choir and orchestra.

- **Angel Yarnbomb Knit-In** – a Christmas outreach project that involves knitting angels. For more info please ask: Sally Stone: [sallyannstone7@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannstone7@gmail.com), or Gillian Walker: [gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com). The dates for the April Knit-ins are Mon. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15.00-17.00 and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 19.30-21.00.
- **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](mailto:gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).

### 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.

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-14.

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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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