

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

April 7th 2019: 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude:

Call to Worship and Approach to God

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

Psalm 126:1-3

❖ **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**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** *Philippians 3:4b-14 (New Testament, p.195)*

❖ **Music in worship**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** *Isaiah 43:16-21 (Old Testament, p.682)*

❖ **Hymn 617:** *Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose*

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

Response to God’s Word

- ❖ **Hymn 795:** *Take, Oh, take me as I am*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering & dedication**
- ❖ **Hymn 662:** *Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts*
- ❖ **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:**

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	and also with you
<i>Lift up your hearts</i>	we life them up to the Lord
<i>Let us give thanks</i>	It is right to give
<i>to the Lord our God</i>	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**

Note that gluten-free bread will be served on the bread plates and alcohol-free wine will be circulated by an elder.
- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 500:** *Lord of all creation, to you be all praise!*

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

Postlude:

*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.
This is an all-age Communion service. All the baptised and those who
look to Jesus as Saviour are welcome to partake.*

*Scripture reader is Sally Stone; prayers of intercession are led by Elizabeth
Calvert Morrison.*

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**.

This morning is our Annual General Meeting after the service. All are welcome to stay and full members should attend.

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.
- There is no **Sunday School** or **Junior Church** this morning as it is an all-age Communion service. Children may partake at their parents' discretion.
- **Prayer:** anyone in particular **need of prayer** today, an elder will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.
- **Midweek Fellowship:** Wed, April 10th, 19.30 hrs, Joint Taize service with the Begijnhofkapel (across the yard) at the Begijnhofkapel.
- **Lent Readings:** There are daily devotional readings for Lent available on the website. See 'Lenten Devotionals. A Spiritual Journey to Easter'.

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 , 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.

April 14th: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Luke 19:28-40; Philipians 2:5-11.

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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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