

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5th 2019



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20am*
Prelude: Cantabile, Clément Loret

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 414:** *Come, you faithful, raise the strain*

❖ **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:** John 21:1-14 (New Testament, p.112)

❖ **Music in worship** *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee,*
Georg Böhm

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Revelation 5:11-14 (New Testament, p.246)

- ❖ **Hymn 75** (Psalm 116): *I love the Lord, because he heard*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *Affirmation of ordinary life followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 774:** *Jesus, name above all names*
 - ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
 - ❖ **Offering** *The Will of God is Always Best, J.E. Kindermann*
 - ❖ **Dedication**
 - ❖ **Hymn 673:** *Let us talents and tongues employ*
 - ❖ **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 lift 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 *Prélude Modal, Jean Langlais*

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

- ❖ **Prayer**
- ❖ **Hymn 529:** *Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

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

Postlude: Improvisation for Bevrijdingsdag

*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 Jared Penner; prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart. Consistory members on duty are Thorsten König and Heleen Koning.

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 retiring collection after the service today, with donations from this going to **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, which we support.
- 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 this is an all-age service of Holy communion. Children are invited to partake, at their parents' discretion.
- **Prayer:** anyone in particular **need of prayer** today, someone (Je Corro) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table, to pray with you.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week – Wed 8th May, 19.30 hrs, joint **Taizé service**, here in our church, together with the Begijnhofkapel (our Roman Catholic neighbours).
- **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. KnitIns for the month of May are Mon. 13th, 14.00-16.00 and Thurs. 16th, 19.30-21.00.
- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter every second Monday of the month. We need some new volunteers and a new co-ordinator to organise the rota. Interested in helping with this project? Please either speak to Pastor Lance, or Ingrid Sorensen at the Welcome Desk after the service, or sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard.
- Interested in **work with refugees**? Contact Gillian Walker at gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com.
- Do you own a car and are you available to help with the **Food Run**? We need volunteers to drive for two hours a month, either on Sunday afternoons or Tuesday or Thursday mornings. For details contact Joe Alibasah at joehennes@yahoo.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.

May 12th: **Acts 9:36-43**; Psalm 23; John 10:22-30; Revelation 7:9-17.

May 19th: **Acts 11:1-8**; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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