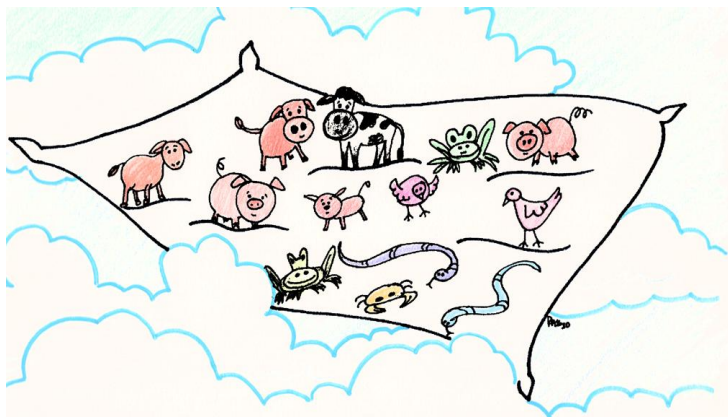


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19th 2019



‘There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven... I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles and birds of the air’. Acts 11:5,6

Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20am*
Prelude: Chant de May, Joseph Jongen

Call to Worship and Approach to God

The Lord says,
‘It is done! I am the alpha and the omega,
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water

As a gift from the springs

of the waters of life.’ *Revelation 21:6*

❖ **Hymn 104:** *The Lord of heaven confess*

❖ **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: Acts 11:1-18 (New Testament, p.126)
- ❖ Hymn 137: *All things bright and beautiful*
- ❖ Music in worship *Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel Fauré*
- ❖ Holy Scripture: John 13:31-35 (New Testament, p.105)
- ❖ Hymn 606: *Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders*
- ❖ Sermon: *repentance that leads to life followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ Hymn 561: *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!*
- ❖ Prayers of Intercession
- ❖ Offering *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth, Jan Bender*
- ❖ Dedication; Hymn 808, followed by:
Generous God,
out of the abundance of your blessings
we bring to you these offerings.
**Use them and us to bring
justice and peace,
joy and salvation
to all your children,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**
- ❖ Hymn 622: *We sing a love that sets all people free*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** (*followed by sung Amen*)



Postlude: *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth, Jan Bender*

*Our service is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Ferry Haris; prayers of intercession are led by Claire Zweers .
Consistory members on duty are Mattia Falcone and Jaap Maas.*

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:** anyone in particular **need of prayer** today, someone (Margaret Richards) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week – Wed 22nd May, 19.30 hrs at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, **Women's Fellowship**. All [women] welcome! Please note that next week, on Thursday May 30th, at 19.30 hrs, **The Men's Group** will meet on the Museumplein for a game of Petangue. Never played before? Well come along and learn. It's very easy!
- This Friday marks the beginning of a regular weekly event in the church; a short time of **psalm reciting** followed by prayers for our city and our world: Friday, 13.00-13.15. All welcome!
- **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 once per month. We need some new volunteers and a new co-ordinator to organise the rota. Interested in helping with this project? There will be a meeting for all interested parties after the service on June 5th .
- Please note that on Sunday June 30th our service will end with a gathering on The Spui with the other churches of The Spui and Singel [Lutherans, Mennonites, Roman Catholic] for **an act of witness:** a hymn and a blessing, followed by refreshments at the Lutheran Church.
- 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, within Amsterdam, either on Sunday afternoons or Tuesday or Thursday mornings. For details contact Joe Alibasah at joe_hennes@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 26th : **Acts 16:9-15**; Psalm 67; John 5:1-9; Revelation 21:10;21:22-22:5

June 2nd : **Acts 16:16-34**; Psalm 97; John 17:20-26; Revelation 22:12-14;1-21.

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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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