

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26th 2019



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

Call to Worship and Approach to God

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Psalms 67:1-3

❖ **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:** Acts 16: 9-15 (New Testament, p.132)
- ❖ **Hymn (insert):** *As I went down to the river to pray*
- ❖ **Music in worship** "...No darkness at all...", Ned Rorem
- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** John 5:1-9 (New Testament, p.92)
Revelation 21:20; 22:1-5 New Testament, p.258)
- ❖ **Hymn 603:** *For your gift of God the Spirit*
- ❖ **Sermon:** *Down by the river* followed by pause for reflection

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 36:** *God is our refuge and our strength*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering** *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*, F.W. Marpurg
- ❖ **Dedication; Hymn 808, followed by:**
Gracious God,
form the abundance of your provision
we give you thanks and praise.
**Let justice roll down like a river
and righteousness like
a never failing stream. Amen.**
- ❖ **Hymn 738:** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*
- ❖ **Sending out with blessing** (followed by sung Amen)



Postlude: *Concerto II, Allegro Moderato*, J.S. Bach (after Vivaldi)

*Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phones.*

*Our service is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.
The reader is Valerie Robillard; prayers of intercession are led by
Reint Huizinga.
Consistory members on duty are Gillian Walker and Giles Francis.*

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, an elder (Judi Haynes-Smart) will be available after the service in the chancel, behind the communion table.
- **Midweek Fellowship** this week – Wed 29th May, 19.30 hrs, **Men's Group** will meet on the Museumplein for a game of Petangue. Never played before? Come along and learn. It's very easy!
- Friday, 13.15hrs in the church: **psalm reciting** followed by prayers for our city and our world. 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. As of 3 June, KnitIns will be held in the church from 2 to 4 every Monday afternoon, and on Thursday 13th June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
- **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 next Sunday's service, June 2nd .
- 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 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.

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

June 9th : **Acts 2:1-21**; Psalm 104;24-35; John 14:-17; Romans 8:14-17.

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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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