

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

March 1st 2020 1st Sunday in Lent



Preparation: *Silent prayer beside the pulpit, 10.00 – 10.20 am*
Prelude: Improvisation & Prelude on 'When Adam Fell', J. Pachelbel

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.** *Psalm 51:10, 15-17*

❖ **Hymn 482:** *Come, let us to the Lord our God*

❖ **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:** Matthew 4:1-11 (New Testament, p.3)

❖ **Music in Worship** *Hast Thou Not Known, E. Corelli*

- ❖ **Holy Scripture:** Romans 3: 21-25a (New Testament, p.150)
- ❖ **Hymn 337:** *Forty days and forty nights*
- ❖ **Sermon: Falling short** *followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

- ❖ **Hymn 795:** *Take, oh, take me as I am*
- ❖ **Prayers of Intercession**
- ❖ **Offering, dedication** *O Lord, Increase My Faith, Orlando Gibbons*
- ❖ **Hymn 338:** *Jesus, tempted in the desert*
- ❖ **Confession of faith, Hymn 628:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty*
- ❖ **Sharing of the Peace, The Invitation, the story of the Last Supper**
- ❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

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

'Agnus Dei' from *Messe Solennelle*, G. Rossini

Margaret Richards, mezzo-soprano; Ian Gaukroger, piano

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

- ❖ **Prayer**

- ❖ **Hymn 354:** *O love, how deep, how broad, how high!*

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

Postlude: Fantasia on the Tune 'Ton-Y-Botel', Richard Purvis

Please remain in place until the minister has left the Church.

Our service today is led by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone. It is an all-age service of Holy Communion in which all who are baptised - including children, at their parents' discretion - and all who look to Jesus as Saviour are invited to partake. Scripture reader is Mattia Falcone. Prayers of intercession are led by Giles Francis. Consistory members on duty are Giles Francis & Gillian Walker.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for **refreshments** after the service.

If you regularly remain for coffee you might consider bringing your own coffee cup with you to cut down on waste. Please take it home with you and wash it there.

If you are new you might like to visit our **Welcome Desk**.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service.
- After the service there is a retiring collection for **Mulanje Mission Hospital** in Malawi, whose work 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 week as all ages stay together for the celebration of Holy Communion.
- **Prayer:** anyone in **need of prayer** today, someone (Je Corro) will be available after the service in the chancel (behind the communion table).

This week's activities:

- **Tuesday, 8.45 hrs** here at the church: **Psalms and Prayers** (30 mins approx.). You are welcome to come for all or part, perhaps before work.
- **Tuesday, 10.30 hrs: Coffee morning** at home of Joke de Bbruin: Bernissestraat 35-II. All welcome.
- **Wednesday, 19.30 hrs: Bible Study** at 9, Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 1071LH. First of a Lent series on **Mark's Gospel**. All welcome.

Coming soon:

Friday March 20th, 19.30 hrs, **Concert** in Aid of the **Mulanje Mission Hospital, Malawi**, featuring Velvet Joe and The Bluegrass Diamonds. Tickets: suggested donation, €25. Contact Victoria here at church or at vixx_gavaza@yahoo.com. A splendid evening guaranteed for an important cause! Further details: see poster at back of church.

Other:

- **Cooking at De Kloof!** Our church cooks lunch at this homeless shelter once per month. Interested in helping? Information at the Welcome Desk.
- Car-owners: could you help with the **Food Run?** Volunteers needed to drive 2 hrs per month, within Amsterdam, on either Sunday afternoons, Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Details, Joe Alibasah at joehenes@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. The passage we will focus upon is in **bold** type.

You might like to read these passages in advance of Sunday.

Mar 8th : **Genesis 12:1-4a**; Psalm 121; John 3:1-17; Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Mar 15th : **Exodus 17:1-7**; Psalm 95; John 4:4-52; Romans 5:1-11

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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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