

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

English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

31 March 2024

Easter Sunday

Choir Introit

Jesus, Our Lord, Is Risen Today

- Melchior Vulpius

Easter Greetings

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

Hymn 410

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

In verse 2 the male voices are invited to sing the line and female voices to sing the Alleluia! In verse 3 they swap parts.

- 1** Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*
- 2** Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave
sinners to redeem and save.
- 3** But the anguish he endured
our salvation has procured;
now in heavèn Christ is King,
where the angels ever sing.
- 4** Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all you heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Intimations

Lighting of candles

And God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.

For you were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.
This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.**

Children's Moment

Hymn 194 *This is the Day (verse 1 and 2 only)*

- 1 This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is day, that the Lord has made.
- 2 This is the day,
this is the day that he rose again, that he rose again.
We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that he rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is day that he rose again.

Reading Mark 16:1-8, NT, Page 52
The Resurrection of Jesus

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.’ ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Music in Worship *Christ Is Now Arisen* - "Personent Hodie",
arr. K. Lee Scott

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession *John-Harmen Valk*

Hymn 392 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and poor contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See! from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Offering *Glorious Everlasting* - M. Thomas Cousins
As the offering is brought forward we sing the "Hallelujah Chorus"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you

All: **And also with you** (*Greet one another with words of Peace*)

The Invitation to Communion

The Narrative *or* Story of the Last Supper ...*as recorded by St Paul.*
The Prayer of Thanksgiving *beginning with The Sursum Corda*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

The Sanctus (*music at Hymn 651*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Consecration

The Agnus Dei

1.+2.+3.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
1.+2.
sin of the world. Have mer - cy up - on us.
3.
sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

The Sharing of Communion

Alleluia - Randall Thompson

Closing Prayer

Hymn 419 *Thine be the glory!*

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Benediction *followed by sung Amen*

Postlude *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*
- Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*This morning's service is conducted by the locum,
Rev Alan Sorensen*

The reader is Jared Penner

The elders on duty are Charles Vanderpuye and Nick Anderton

*We welcome to this morning's service our guest musicians:
Francesco Manco and Kajetan Puczko - trumpet,
José Nuno Miranda - horn, Simon Prieur-Blanc - trombone,
Niels Lukkensen - tuba*

Today

- **Farewell to Alan and Judith Sorensen**
We say another farewell and a big thank you to Alan and Judith Sorensen. Alan has been our locum minister through the Lent period until Easter Sunday. We wish them every blessing. Next week we welcome back Rev Dr. John Bell who will be with us until the end of May!
- **Crèche for infants and toddlers (0-4 years old) is available this morning and every Sunday worship service.** The crèche is located in a room on the left side of the building. If you need directions, please ask one of the elders on duty.

Upcoming events

- **Coffee Morning on Tuesday 2 April, 10:30.** For more information please contact Sies Plokker (via info@erc.amsterdam).
- **Women's Fellowship (with potluck dinner) on Monday, 8 April,** from 18:30 - 21:00. If you would like to join in, please contact the hostess, Je Hart (jecorro@hotmail.com).
- **Bible Study on Wednesday, 10 April, 19:30** at the Manse or via Zoom, led by Rev John Bell. All are welcome to join us at the Jan Willem Brouwersstraat 9-2 (Amsterdam) or via this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87189899249>
- **Cooking at the Kloof** on Saturday, **13 April**, at 09:30. If you are interested, please send an email to Giles Francis at gilesf@telfort.nl for more information.
- **The Annual General Meeting** of the ERC church will be held in the church on **14 April** after the church service.

Other Notices

- **Prayer:** Those who feel especially **in need of prayer** either for themselves or for someone else or have a particular prayer request, please contact Peggy Krol, peggy.krol@planet.nl. She and the prayer team will pray accordingly.

- **Finance:** Please note that besides the weekly collection in church, you can also donate to the ERC's General Fund, Mulanje Mission Hospital and Maintenance Fund via bank transfer:

Maintenance Fund: *Stichting Friends of the English Reformed Church* NL90 ABNA 0624 1800 69

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Coming up

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 8 April: Women's Fellowship
 10 April: Bible Study
 13 April: Cooking at de Kloof
 14 April: AGM



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