

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

The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

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Prelude

Prélude Modal – Jean Langlais

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 124

Praise to the Lord

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear,
into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your heart's wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do:
God will for ever befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Opening Prayer *followed by The Lord's Prayer, said in
whichever language or version you prefer*

Announcements

First Reading *Luke 17: 11–19, NT page 77*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Children's Talk

Hymn 193 *God is love, his the care*

1 God is love: his the care,
tending each, everywhere.
God is love – all is there!
Jesus came to show him,

that we all might know him:

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

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God is good!

God is truth!

God is beauty! Praise him!

2 None can see God above;
all must here learn to love,
thus may we Godward move,
finding him in others,
sisters all, and brothers:

Refrain

3 Jesus shared joy and pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then;
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us:

Refrain

4 To our Lord praise we sing –
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showering God in beauty:

Refrain

Second Reading

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, OT page 742

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and

daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Music in Worship *Andante Tranquillo* - Percy W. Whitlock

Sermon *followed by a pause for reflection*

Hymn 724 *Christ's is the world in which we move*

1 Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

2 Feel for the people we most avoid –
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

3 Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

4 Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and dedication *Christ, He Is My Life* - Johann Pachelbel

Hymn

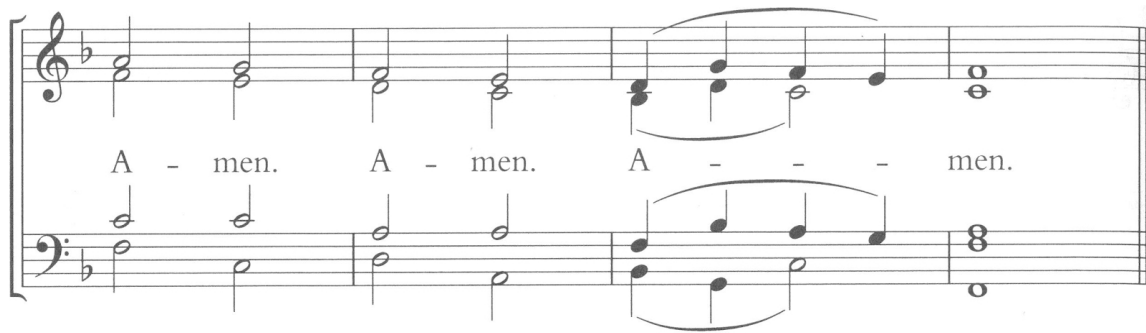
This is God's House



- 1** This is God's house, holy ground for God's people,
hallowed by singing and silence and prayer;
blessed by the presence and power of the Spirit,
founded on faith in the Saviour we share:
this is the house of God.
- 2** This is the place where the Church as Christ's body
meets as a family where all have a place;
stalwart and stranger, speaker and seeker-
each needs the other and all need God's grace:
this is a place for God.
- 3** This is the time when desires and intentions
find deep engagement with God's holy word;
trouble and treasure, business and pleasure
all are restored and redeemed by the Lord:
this is a time with God.
- 4** This is the purpose of Christ in creation:
All shall be changed for his Gospel is true
Sickness to health, apathy to believing,
Doubt to commitment, and old into new:
This is the goodness of God.

Benediction

followed by sung Amen



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Postlude

Lobe den Herrn - Johann Gottfried Walther

*This morning's service is conducted by the locum, the Rev Dr. John Cowie.
The readers are Marja and Nicholas Anderton.
The elders on duty are Mattia Falcone and Elisabeth IJmker.*

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A very warm WELCOME to all!

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

If you are new, you might want to visit our Welcome Desk.

Notices

- This week, **Sunday School** will be held on the premises of the Lutheran Church at Handboogstraat 4, just across the Spui. After the Children's Talk, the teachers will walk the children over. **Junior Church** will meet in the deaconry at the front of the church during the service.
- Wednesday, 19:30 hrs: **Bible study** at the Manse or via zoom, led by Rev Dr. John Cowie. All are welcome to join us at Jan Willem Brouwersstraat 9-2 (Amsterdam), or via this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87189899249>
- The new **Record** is out: If you would like to receive the church magazine The Record on paper via mail, please send a message to

community@erc.amsterdam. You can also read the magazine online on our website.

- Thursday, 19:30 hrs: **Consistory meeting**. These meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month in the church and are open to all members of the congregation. If you would like to join the meeting or raise a topic, please let the scriba team know via scriba@erc.amsterdam
- **Prayer**: In this time there may be people who feel especially in need of prayer either for themselves or for someone else. If you would like prayer or have a particular prayer request please contact Peggy Krol (peggy.krol@planet.nl) and she and the others will pray accordingly.
- **Finance**: Please note that besides the weekly collection in church, there is a way of giving to the church on the website, <https://www.erc.amsterdam>. If you do not have any cash with you today, please feel free to use this QR code:



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