

HOOGLANDSE KERK



CHORAL EVENSONG

12 April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

1700

THE LEIDSE CANTORIJ

is conducted by

HANS BRONS

The 'Father' Willis organ (1891)

is played by

WILLEKE SMITS



THE VERY REVD. CANON FLORIS BUNSCHOTEN

plebanus (pastor) of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Bavo in Haarlem

Preacher



Welcome to this historic church in the heart of Leiden.

A place of Christian worship has stood on this site since 1315. Here, we seek to offer beauty - through architecture and music - to God, the source of all that is good and beautiful.

Our tradition of evensong is rooted in the daily services of the medieval church and has been shaped by the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church since the 16th century. Much of the liturgy is sung by the choir on our behalf, inviting us to participate through quiet reflection and prayer.

You are warmly encouraged to join in the hymns and the spoken parts of the service. As words and music intertwine, they enrich both heart and mind, drawing us closer to the divine presence.

Bijzonder Kerkenwerk Leiden, Wijkgemeente Hooglandse Kerk

Photography, filming, and sound recording are not allowed during services. Please ensure that mobile telephones and other electronic devices are silent.

This service will be live-streamed.

ORGAN PRELUDE

From Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes: Bryn Calfaria & Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please observe silence during the organ prelude as it is a time of preparation for worship.

INTROIT

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

t: Greek, 3rd century or earlier; tr. John Keble (1792-1866)
m: John Stainer (1840-1901)

All stand as the choir and clergy enter.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NEH 112 (St Albinus)

Choir: verse 4



1. Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluya!

2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluya!

3. Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluya!

4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluya!

5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluya!

t: Christian Gellert (1715-1769)

m: H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

EASTER ANTHEM

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead, indeed unto sin, but alive unto God
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost : as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

t: 1 Corinthians 5: 7b-8; Romans 6: 8-11; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22

m: John Scott (1956-2015)

WELCOME

THE PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

All sit.

PSALM 149

Cantate Domino

O sing unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him : and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance : let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

For the Lord hath pleasure in his people : and helpeth the meek-hearted.

Let the saints be joyful with glory : let them rejoice in their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their mouth : and a two-edged sword in their hands;

To be avenged of the heathen : and to rebuke the people;

To bind their kings in chains : and their nobles with links of iron.

That they may be avenged of them, as it is written : Such honour have all his saints.

All stand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost : as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6: 1–23

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me. And holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things. And the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel. As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Amen.

All stand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Evening Service in D minor

Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814- 1856)

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Marcus 15: 46 – 16 :8

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

All stand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Evening Service in D minor

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Preacher: Now let us confess our faith.

All say: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN – NEH 103 (Lux Eoi)

Choir: verse 3



1. Alleluya! Alleluya!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits

Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

t: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

4. Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty.

m: Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

All sit.

THE SERMON

THE LESSER LITANY, THE LORDS' PRAYER, AND THE RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, who has given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Bernard Rose

ANTHEM

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee; The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

t: Te Deum

m: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SAID PRAYERS

All stand.

HYMN – CP 149 (Lasst uns erfreuen)

Choir: verse 2



1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:

Alleluia.

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:

Alleluia.

2. While he, the King, the mighty King,
despoiling death of all its sting,

Alleluia.

and trampling down the powers of night,
brings forth his ransomed saints to light:

Alleluia.

3. His tomb of late the threefold guard
of watch and stone and seal had barred;

Alleluia.

but now, in pomp and triumph high,
he comes from death to victory:

Alleluia.

13. All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restore;

Alleluia.

all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:

Alleluia.

t: J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

m: (arr.) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE BLESSING

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hymne d'Actions de grâces "Te Deum" - Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

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De volgende evensong, op zondag **24 mei 2026 om 17:00 uur**, wordt gezongen door Ars Musica o.l.v. Patrick van der Linden. Organist is Rien Donkersloot. Voorganger: ds. Margreet Klokke. Meer informatie op **www.evensongsleiden.nl**

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