

Psalm singing between Easter and Pentecost

In the scope of the Calvin year the Protestant Church organizes five psalm singing evenings between Easter and Pentecost. In Middelburg, Kampen, Gouda, Groningen en Dordrecht devotees can sing along with the psalms on the tunes of Calvin's time and in the reciting manner as was done in the convents. But also on modern melodies, like the psalms of Huub Oosterhuis en the more popular 'Psalms for today'.

The fact that all 150 psalms were taken into the 'Songbook for the Churches' we owe to Calvin. It was he who took the initiative to translate, revise and set the psalm texts to music. The psalms could be sung in the own language. Many psalms became beloved songs accompanying people all their life.

The psalm-singing-evenings are held in monumental churches. In the 'Oostkerk' in Middelburg on Wednesday April 15th, in the 'Bovenkerk' in Kampen on Wednesday April 22nd, in the 'St. Janskerk' in Gouda on Tuesday May 12th, in the 'Nieuwe Kerk' in Groningen on Tuesday May 19th and in the 'Grote Kerk' in Dordrecht on Wednesday May 27th. The psalms will get an explanation on text and manner of singing by vicar Roel Bosch. Further the organists of the churches in question will contribute, a trumpeter and the 'Vocaal Theologen Ensemble' from Utrecht conducted by Hanna Rijken.

Everybody is welcome to sing along!

The churches are open from 7.30 pm. The community singing is from 8 – ultimately 9.30 pm. Admission fee is € 10,-. The visitors get a booklet with the programme and a booklet on the psalms 'Alles wat adem heeft' (*Everything that has breath*). Advanced registering is not necessary.

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