

Garnisons Kirke



The Garrison Church was completed in 1706 as a church for the army garrison in Copenhagen.

It was built by Frederik IV, whose monogram is seen above the west door, on the altarpiece and at the top of the towers of the organ case. Very soon after the completion of the church, it was used by the citizens of the newly built Frederik's Town, and from 1804 as a civilian church as well.

The large galleries in Dutch Baroque style give the church its distinctive character. Originally, the boxes were more pronounced and in this way the church had an air of a theatre, typical of a 18th century style.

The altarpiece - dating from 1724 - is made of Norwegian marble. The chandeliers are from the very early years of the church. >>>

The pulpit and the baptismal font, both in neo-classical style, date from 1772.

The main organ case is that of Lambert Daniel Kasten's organ from 1724. It is the church's original organ. The instrument was reconstructed in 1995 by organ builder Carsten Lund, and it is the largest High Baroque organ to be reconstructed in Denmark for decades. Queen Margrethe II's carved monogram can be seen on the case of the choir organ.

The area around the church has served as a cemetery until the end of the 19th century. The present cemetery is located at Dag Hammarskjölds Allé. Here you may find numerous memorials, many relating to army history. A new chapel, designed by the architect Holger Jensen, was built there in 1994.

The parish is situated within Nyhavn, Kongens Nytorv, Gothersgade, Kronprinsessegade, Dronningens Tværgade, Bredgade, Esplanaden and the waterfront.

Apart from the local parishioners, the Garrison church congregation consists of the army garrison in Copenhagen and in particular the Royal Life Guards.

Many others use the church – for Sunday services, funerals and weddings, for silent worship, and for concerts and a variety of other events.

Visitors are welcome to take this leaflet, the magazine "Herrens Mark" and the church programme-folder. Any donations you may wish to make are gratefully received. All amounts are credited to the Garrison Church Music Fund.

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