

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the

Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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### WORSHIP for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in



### and Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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#### Another Advent Prayer

"God of latent life and growing shoots,  
we wait for you in an expectant world:  
we long for your wisdom to be at work in our lives  
and, with our sisters and brothers,  
we yearn for your justice to be done on earth.  
Amen."



## Order of Service for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 4 December 2016

### *Call to Worship (congregational lines in bold)*

Throughout the generations, God has sent  
the message of peace and reconciliation  
in the words of the prophets and in acted parable.

**In history, in nature, God has revealed  
a loving intent towards men and women.**

Finally, in due time, God sent Jesus into the world  
to demonstrate in human terms  
God's way of living and loving.

**So today we come to prepare our hearts and minds  
once more to receive the Gospel of hope and healing.**

In this place we are invited to open ourselves to the Spirit of God,  
**and to prepare a place for God in our lives.**

Come, then, and let us worship God.

**Introit : "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"**

(Choir)

*Welcome & Prayer of Approach*

*Lighting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle - a Candle of Preparation*

**Hymn : Come close, Advent God**

(Tune of 'Away in a manger')

**Come close, Advent God, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift which will challenge the way that we care.  
In wilderness waste and in each place of fear  
let candles be lit as a sign you are near.**

*Blessing on the Children*

*Prayer of Preparation and Confession and The Lord's Prayer*

**Praise: O come, O come, Emmanuel**

(MP 493)

OT Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10

(p. 696)

Reflection: "What might Isaiah's pictures look like today?"

**Praise: Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

(MP 204)

NT Reading: Romans 15: 4 – 13 (p. 1141)  
Reflection: "Preparation through Scripture"

**Praise: On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry** (MP 538)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1 - 12 (p. 967)

Reflection: "Preparation through Lifestyle"

**Anthem: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"** (Choir)

*Offering & Prayer of Dedication*

*Church News*

*Prayers for Others - Elder*

*Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**Praise: Jesus, the joy of loving hearts** (MP 383)

*Prayer & Words of Institution*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving - (responses in bold)*

May God be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to Christ.**  
Let us give thanks to our Redeemer.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Then later in the prayer, after the words: "... people in heaven and earth, saying:"

***Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O God most high.  
Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Saviour.  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Just before the distribution of the elements:

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

**Praise: Tell out my soul** (MP 631)

*Benediction and 3-fold Amen,  
followed by the sung Benediction –  
Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
God now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

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**Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

**What's on the agenda?**

Tuesday 6 Dec Consistory Meeting at 7.45pm  
Sunday 11 Dec Service for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent at 10.30am  
Sunday 18 Dec Family Christingle Service at 10.30am  
**(Note changes)** Service of Lessons & Carols at 6.30pm

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**Who's who Today** - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Welcome: Jaco Jacobs & Wistaria Cairo

Crèche: Marcel & Veronica Kind

Deacons-Counting: Molly Foster & **Volunteer ????**

Door: Kees Knol

Beamer: Brigit Teisman & Andre v.d. Velden

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Ingrid Evovo & Sharon Ganesh

Flowers: Lizy Adams

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## For the Beamer

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

*English Language Liturgical Consultation Text 1998*