



a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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A Prayer for Lent

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to seek for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.
Ignatius of Loyola (1556)

Order of Service for Sunday 26 March 2017
The 4th Sunday in Lent
This Service will be led by Rev. Irene Bom



Introit (Sonrise): O come let us adore him (a Capella MP 490)

*Call to Worship (congregational parts are **in bold**)*

When God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!

Welcome

Praise: Hail to the Lord 's anointed (MP 204)

Opening prayer

Children's Message

Praise: O How I love Jesus (SSS2014 63)
(Words see below)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of confession

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**
Teach us how to live with love and integrity.

Bible Reading: John 9: 1-41
(dramatic reading for 4 voices)

Praise (Sonrise): Amazing grace (MP 31)

Sermon: **"Questions and answers and keeping faith"**

Praise (Sonrise): God will make a way (MP 1047)
(Words see below)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord (MP 1100)
(Words see below)

Offering and dedication

Church news

Prayers for others (incl. Lord's Prayer) – elder

Praise: Be thou my vision (MP 51)

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

led by Graham Jardine re-starts this Wed 22 March at 7.30pm.
Topic: "Walking with God: a Guide to Practical Christianity"

Please note that Derek is on holiday from 20 March to 6 April (inclusive). In his absence any urgent pastoral matters should be referred to Rev Irene Bom (ph.06 52 57 68 92) or Bob Hensen (ph. 06 16 808 505)

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

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Martin Asare-Awuku & Wilma Paton (today), Jane Ekpuze & Anna Hoek (Thursday) on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned?

Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Wednesday 29 March Bible Study at 7.30pm

Sunday 2nd April Communion & Worship at 10.30 am

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Irene Bom

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Amund Roe

Sonrise: Rev. Irene Bom

Bible Readers: Various from Sonrise

Welcome: Silvia Scott & Steve Russel

Crèche: Maaike van der Eerden & Nnenna Koka

Deacons-Counting: Ato Cromwell & Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Door: James Essel

Beamer: André van der Velden

Recording: André van der Velden

Hospitality: Frieda Enow & Elizabeth Adzra

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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

God Will Make A Way (MP 1047)

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way

Verse

By a roadway in the wilderness
He'll lead me
And rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still remain
He will do something new today
(repeat chorus)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord (MP 1100)

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
(repeat)

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Children's song

**Oh, how I love Jesus
By Unknown**

O, how I love Jesus
O, how I love Jesus
O, how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me.

To me He is so wonderful
To me He is so wonderful
To me He is so wonderful
Because He first loved me.