



Welcome to the

Scots International Church Rotterdam

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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A Prayer of Commitment

Into your hands we commit ourselves, O Christ,
for your holding, your directing,
your inspiring, your perfecting.

Into your hands we commit ourselves.

Bless us with your power to heal, liberate and challenge.

Bless us with your yearning for a better world
and a fuller faith.

Bless us with your Holy Spirit within us and among us. Amen.

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

Order of Service for Sunday 3 September 2017

Today is a Communion Sunday -

The table at which we gather
is not the table of any one Church,
but of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

^Sacrament of Holy Communion & Service of Re-Commitment - 3 September 2017

Call to Worship - (the congregation's responses are printed in bold.)

Come – God calls you as his children.

Come – I call you as God's family in this place.

Come – in response to these calls, but also in love:

love for God, love for each other, love for all of God's creation.

Let us share that love with one another,

that we might in this time together

be renewed and strengthened

and so return to daily life

determined to share with others

the benefits of God's grace.

Introit: "You raise me up"

(Choir)

Welcome followed by Prayer of Approach

Praise: All people that on earth do dwell

(MP 20)

Children's Message

Praise: God is good

(MP 185)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder - ending with the Lord's Prayer

Reading: Romans 12: 9 – 21 *and reflection*

(p. 1139)

Praise: From heaven you came, helpless babe

(MP 162)

Reading: Matthew 16: 21 – 28 *and reflection*

(p. 984)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Praise: All to Jesus I surrender

(MP 25)

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Act of Re-commitment (Words see below)

Anthem: “**Grant us your peace, Lord**” (Choir)

Church News followed by Prayer for Others

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Praise: We come as guests invited (MP 723)

Sacrament of Holy Communion -

Prayer of Thanksgiving – beginning with these responses:

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Later, after the words, “... which echoes through time and eternity:” say:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are fully of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Later we say together the Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
give us your peace.**

Praise: We are marching in the light of God (CH4 516)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen, *followed by 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.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.**

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 Hank Meldrum, Jim van Putten, Michelle Essel and Liz van der Velden on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

Today’s Mission Offering: Living Water Link

What’s on the agenda?

Wed 6 Sept	19h00	Alpha Course
Sun 10 Sept	09h15	Bible Study: The Apostles’ Creed
	10h30	Worship

Who’s who Today - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children’s message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Hank Meldrum

Welcome: Pam Russell & James Essel

Crèche: Meriam v.d. Velden & Chante Fleming

Deacons-Counting: Evelyn Koomson & Molly Foster

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Joshua Paundra

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Rebecca Taylor & Crew

Flowers: Kei Nonoko Otsuki

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For the Beamer

Children's song

God is good - we sing and shout it
God is good - we celebrate
God is good - no more we doubt it
God is good - we know it's true

And when I think of His love for me
My heart fills with praise
And I feel like dancing
For in his heart there is room for me
And I run with arms open wide

God is good ...

Act of Re-Commitment

God said, "Let there be light."

**We believe in a bright and amazing God,
who has been to the depths of despair
on our behalf;
who has risen in splendour and majesty;
who decorates the universe
with sparkling water, clear white light,
twinkling stars and sharp colours,**

over and over again.

**We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;
that God believes in us, forgives and trusts us,
even though we make the same mistakes
over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus,
and so to one another as sisters and brothers,
renewing our life as a community of faith
over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves
to asking questions,
to being open to illumination,
to living in the light of the Spirit. Amen.**