

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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A Prayer for Communion Sunday

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way within me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Order of Service for Sunday 1 October 2017

Today is a Communion Sunday -
All who love our Lord, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the
table.

Next Sunday, 8 October,
Derek is at Presbytery in Malta and worship will be led
by
our good friend, Rev. Joost Pot.

Sunday 15 October at 19h30
there will be a Service for Wholeness & Healing

Sacrament of Holy Communion - 1 October 2017

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

With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and sunshine,

with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,

we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide, with people in every land, with speakers of every language,

we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven, with those who founded the Scots Kirk here, and with all who have worshipped in it since,

we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;

here may God's people find home.

Introit : God is my strength

(Choir – Psalm 121)

Welcome followed by Prayer of Approach

Praise: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (MP 560)

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like thee His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers, in distress;
praise Him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

- 3 Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him;
dwellers all in time and space.

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Children's Message

Praise: This little light of mine

(JP 258)

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - ending with 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.

Readings: Philippians 2: 1 – 13

(p.1179)

Imitating Christ's Humility

- 1** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,
- 2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.
- 3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- 4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
- 5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Do Everything Without Grumbling

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Matthew 21: 23 – 32

(p.989)

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

24 Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

25 John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among

themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’

26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

27 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

29 “ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted? ” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Praise: We have a gospel to proclaim

(MP 728)

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a saviour’s name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.
- 2 Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:

the Word made flesh, a light for all.

- 3 Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all He loved, His life He gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for He was free;
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.
- 5 Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.
- 6 Now we rejoice to name Him king:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Sermon

followed by

Affirmation of Faith

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We believe in God above us,
Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

Prayer for Others - Elder

Offering & Prayer of Dedication – including Prayer for
Presbytery

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

*Later, after the words, "... singing the song of your eternal
greatness:"*

**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!**

Because you, Gracious God, have been faithful to us,
we will be faithful to Jesus.

He promised to be with those who met in his name:
this we believe.

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people:
this we believe.

He said that in the communion of bread and wine
he would be present to us as we remembered him:
this we celebrate.

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: Let us talents and tongues employ
(CH4 673)

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Refrain:

Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again,
pass the word around:
loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Immanuel!) everywhere. [Refrain]

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.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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.

Today's Mission Offering: Equine-Assisted-Therapy for children

What's on the agenda?

Wednesday 4 Oct @ 19h00

Alpha Course – Why and how should I read the Bible?

Sunday 8 October @ 10h30

Worship led by Rev. Joost Pot

Who's who Today -

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Virginia Hendriks

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Choir: Hank Meldrum

Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Welcome: Carol de Groot & Maureen Vollema

Crèche: Veronica & Marcel Kind

Deacons-Counting: Evelyn Koomson & Frans v.d. Meer

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

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01.10.17 Church News announced by the Elder

- **Sewing Group**
Any ladies interested in being part of a group to make banners for the Church (the first 4 will be for Advent) and Chrismon symbols to decorate the Christmas tree please speak to or e-mail Moira (moira.lawson@sfr.fr).
- **The Ladies Bible Study** continues Monday 2nd October 8pm studying the book: "**A Heart for God: Learning From David Through the Tough Choices of Life**" by Rebecca Manley Pippert.
- **The Young Adult Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the manse.
- **The Southern Cameroonians or Ambazonians** worshipping with us will provide **extended hospitality** in the Lower Hall. Take the opportunity to talk to them and hear their stories.
- There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- The **Mission Offering** today is dedicated to **Equine-Assisted Therapy (EAT) for children in Algiers**, ask Ruud or Ato Bob for details.
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.