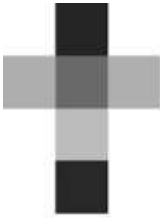


# Welcome to the



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### **Bible Readings for the coming week**

Monday, April 16: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16  
Tuesday, April 17: Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6  
Wednesday, April 18: Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18  
Thursday, April 19: Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26  
Friday, April 20: Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4  
Saturday, April 21: Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34

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### **Order of Service for Sunday 15 April 201**



**Tonight at 19h30**

**Sunday 15 April 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Call to Worship - (congregational responses are **in bold**)*

Come now to worship God –  
the One who created all that is,  
**the One who offers to redeem all that is,**  
**the One who sustains and strengthens us**  
**as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**the King and Head of the Church.**

Grant us, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter,  
time to consider all the works God's hand has  
made,  
**wisdom to accept his offer of redemption,**  
**and courage to go forward in the footsteps of**  
**Christ.**

Introit (Choir): **I know that my Redeemer lives** (MP  
278i)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everlasting Head.

2. He lives, to bless me with his love;  
He lives, to plead me for above.  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives, to help in time of need.

3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my mansion to prepare;  
He lives, to lead me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to His name;  
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
I know that my Redeemer lives.

*Welcome*

*Prayer of Approach*

**Praise: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder**  
(MP 506)

- 1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
the power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul . . .*
- 3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul . . .*
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

*Children's Message*

**Praise: Jesus loves the little children**  
(SSS51)

Jesus loves the little children,  
all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
all are precious in His sight:  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children,  
all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
all are precious in His sight:  
Jesus died for all the children of the world.

*Blessing on the Children*

*Prayer of Confession Elder – concluding 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.

**Praise: Come down, O love divine**

(MP 89)

- 1 Come down, O Love divine,  
seek Thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let Thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

**Reading: 1 John 3: 1 – 7**

(p. 1226)

**1** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

**5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

**6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

**7** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reflection:

**Praise: Jesus put this song into our hearts**

(MP 376)

**1** Jesus put this song into our hearts,  
Jesus put this song into our hearts;  
it's a song of joy no-one can take away.  
Jesus put this song into our hearts.

**2** Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony;  
different faces, different races, He made us one –  
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.

- 3 Jesus taught us how to be a family,  
Jesus taught us how to be a family;  
loving one another with the love that He gives –  
Jesus taught us how to be a family.
- 4 Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,  
changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy –  
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

Gospel Reading: **Luke 24 : 36b – 48**

(p. 1062)

“Peace be with you.”

**37** They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

**38** He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”

**39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

**40** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

**41** And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

**42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

**43** and he took it and ate it in their presence.

**44** He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

**45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

**46** He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

**47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**48** You are witnesses of these things.

Reflection:

**Praise: Inspired by love and anger**

(CH4 253)

1. Inspired by love and anger,  
disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God's own bias,  
we ponder once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?'

2. From those for ever victims  
of heartless human greed,  
their cruel plight composes  
a litany of need:  
'Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
and dreams find their release?'

3.. From those for ever shackled  
to what their wealth can buy,  
the fear of lost advantage  
provokes the bitter cry,  
'Don't query our position!  
Don't criticise our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited  
by politics and stealth!'



4. To God, who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,  
we offer earth's indifference,  
its agony and rage:  
'When will the wrongs be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous  
to all instead of some?'

5. God asks, 'Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen,  
will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
will walk the road I show?'

6. Amused in someone's kitchen,  
asleep in someone's boat,  
attuned to what the ancients  
exposed, proclaimed, and wrote,  
a saviour without safety,  
a tradesman without tools  
has come to tip the balance  
with fishermen and fools.

*Offering & Prayer of Dedication*

Anthem (Choir): **Father God, I wonder**

(MP 128)

**Father God, I wonder how I managed  
to exist without the knowledge of Your  
parenthood and Your loving care.**

But now I am Your son, I am adopted in Your family,  
and I can never be alone 'cause,  
Father God, You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises for ever more.

### *Church News*

### *Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

#### **Praise: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise**

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.
- 4 He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ:  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

6 My gracious Master, and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad,  
the honours of Thy name.

(MP 496)

Benediction and threefold Amen

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### **Church News**

**The Consistory** meets on Tuesday evening, **24 April, at 7.45pm**

The **Morning Ladies' Bible Study** meets on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, at 11am** in the Crèche and the **Evening Ladies' Bible Study at 8pm** at Irene Bom's.

The next **Prayer Breakfast** is on **Saturday 21 April at 9.00am** in the Church Hall. To be sure you get fed (physically, rather than spiritually!), let Derek know if you are coming!

### **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.

### **Birthdays**

This week we congratulate Tine de GrootLaban, Frank Knoester, Gladys Acquah, George Ross and Emmanuel AsareAwuku on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

*Inform the Office Team!*

### **What's on the agenda?**

Saturday 21 April	9h00	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 22 April	9h15	Bible Study: Ecological
Spirituality 3	10h30	Worship for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### **Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson  
Elder: Bob Hensen  
Children's message: Esther Abang  
Organist: Netty Dijkstra  
Choir: Anneke Pot  
Bible Reader: Irene Jardine  
Welcome: Lianne Buitendijk & Maureen Vollema  
Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Wenli Wan  
Offering & Counting: Molly Foster & Emmanuel Asare Awuku  
Door: Ato Cromwell  
Beamer: Daniel de Jong  
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden  
Hospitality: Edwin & Bridget Teisman  
Flowers: Anca Juravle

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**For the Beamer**

### **Summary 01.04.18**

Open plate	209.85
Envelopes	407.50

Coffee money	TBA	0.00
Sunday school		10.75
Soup Lunch	TBA	0.00
Bank (weekly avg.)		454.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.		368.00
Additional rental avg		<u>322.00</u>
		<b>€ 1,772.10</b>
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Average Weekly expenditure **2,038.00**

**Church News of 15.04.2018 announced by the Elder**

**Please check the agenda in this Order of Service and take it home for further reference.**

**In the SICR Weekly Bulletin** for this and the last two weeks a message about the doctorate expected of our previous minister Robert Calvert. The title of his dissertation will not surprise those who knew him while he was here: "Pilgrims in the Port" - 'Migrant Christian Communities in Rotterdam'.

If you want to attend the defence at the University of Utrecht on 6<sup>th</sup> June, contact me please.

If you like to receive the **SICR Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.

If you did not hear these announcements properly, find them on the **Notice Board** downstairs, with a copy to take away.

*Please note: the spoken word counts!*