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**Bible Readings for the coming week**

Monday, Sept 17: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21;  
Romans 3:9-20

Tuesday, Sept 18: Ps 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28;  
Colossians 3:1-11

Wednesday, Sept 19: Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-  
27; John 7:25-36

Thursday, Sept 20: Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1  
Corinthians 2:1-5

Friday, Sept 21: Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33;  
Romans 11:25-32

Saturday, Sept 22: Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18;  
Matthew 23:29-39

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Prayer for the week

Lord, you have raised up the church to be Christ's  
body on earth.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that we may live and work to your praise and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Order of Service for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**

Call to Worship -

Come, brothers and sisters in Christ,  
and bring God your praise and thanksgiving.

**We come as members of the Body of Christ,  
to strengthen our faith and renew our commitment  
to play our part in the mission begun by Jesus.**

Today, especially, we come to celebrate  
that this congregation has sought to pursue that mission  
and to witness to God here in Rotterdam since 1643.

**We come to give thanks  
for all those who have gone before us  
and to seek guidance for what we are called to be in  
2018.**

And so we gather in celebration, in thanksgiving,  
in anticipation, and in adoration.

Introit (Sonrise): **A joyful noise, a joyful noise**

(written by Irene Bom for this service – based on Psalm  
100)

Chorus:

A joyful noise, a joyful noise  
All the earth make a joyful noise  
Come into God's presence  
with songs of praise  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord

1. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness  
He's our Maker, we're his flock  
Serve the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness  
We are welcome; we belong.

(Repeat chorus)

2. Generation to generation  
God is faithful to His word  
Generation to generation  
Tell the wonders seen and heard

(Repeat chorus)

Welcome

**Praise: Sing to the Lord a joyful song** (CH4 184)

1 Sing to the Lord a joyful song,  
lift up your hearts, your voices raise;  
to us his gracious gifts belong,  
to him our songs of love and praise.

2 For life and love, for rest and food,  
for daily help and nightly care,  
sing to the Lord, for he is good,  
and praise his name, for it is fair.

3 For strength to those who on him wait  
his truth to prove, his will to do,  
sing to our God, for he is great,  
trust in his name, for it is true.

4 For joys untold, that from above  
cheer those who love his sweet employ,  
sing to our God, for he is love;  
exalt his name, for it is joy.

5 Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,  
whom angels serve and saints adore,  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

## Prayer of Praise

**Praise: Lord, for the years**

(CH4 159)

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Children's Presentation: *"Back in time to the year 1700"*

**Praise: Brother, sister, let me serve you** (CH4 694)

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you

in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

Prayer of Confession

Rev Irene Bom

375 Years in 375 Seconds (or thereabouts!)

Readings:

Psalm 19

(p. 552)

Jean Galloway

**For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

**1** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies  
proclaim the work of his hands.

**2** Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night  
they reveal knowledge.

**3** They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**4** Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

**5** It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**6** It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

**7** The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**8** The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

**9** The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

**10** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

**11** By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**12** But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

**13** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**14** May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Mark 8: 27–38

(p.1012)

Ruud Witte

### **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

**27** Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

**28** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

**29** “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

**30** Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

**31** He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

**32** He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.



**33** But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

**34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**35** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

**36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

**37** Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

**38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

**Praise: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**  
(CH4 167)

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me till my want is o'er.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside!  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side!  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

Sermon:

“Really!”

**Rt Rev Susan Brown,**

*Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland*

Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing:

**Mebo Jesu din Moh Mandem and E Yahweh**

Prayer of Dedication and Petition

Bob Hensen

Anthem (Choir): **How lovely is thy dwelling place**  
(Psalm 84)

1. How lovely is thy dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me!  
My thirsty soul desires and longs  
within thy courts to be;  
my very heart and flesh cry out,  
O living God, for thee.

2. Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,  
the swallows find a nest;  
how happy they who dwell with thee  
and praise thee without rest,  
and happy they whose hearts are set  
upon the pilgrims' quest.

3. They who go through the desert vale  
will find it filled with springs,  
and they shall climb from height to height  
till Zion's temple rings with praise to thee,  
in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.

4. One day within thy courts excels  
a thousand spent away;  
how happy they who keep thy laws  
nor from thy precepts stray,  
for thou shalt surely bless all those  
who live the words they pray.

## Church News

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Envisioning

**Praise: To God be the glory**  
(CH4 512)

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
for every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

[Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has  
done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

[Refrain]

Benediction - Rt Rev Susan Brown

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After the Service there will be an International Lunch –  
to which all are invited – in the Hall downstairs.

*Please allow our official guests to leave the sanctuary  
first  
so they can select their food and (some of them) be  
seated  
in the hall.*

*There will be plenty opportunity to speak with them  
once they have eaten!*

**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?**

Wed 19 Sept 19h30 Bible Study with Graham Jardine  
Sunday 23 Sept 10h30 Harvest Thanksgiving

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