



# **Scots International Church Rotterdam**

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## **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE for PEACE**

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Let us go from this place  
to share the Good News of peace in the world.

## **International Service for Peace - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Introit: Immanuel Choir, Moravian Church

Welcome - *Rev Derek G Lawson, Scots International Church*

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

O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
**we praise you!**

You made the earth and all that lives here:

**we praise you!**

You give breath to all creatures

and your Spirit to your people:

**we praise and thank you, O God!**

That the eyes of the blinded be opened,

the poor hear the good news,

the captives be brought out of darkness,

the wealth of the world serve the good of all,

**your kingdom come, O God;**

**your will be done!**

Then let us sing God a new song.

**With joy let us honour our Maker.**

**Praise: Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation**

(CH4 261)

Father eternal, ruler of creation,

Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made;

Through the thick darkness covering every nation,

Light to man's blindness, O be Thou our aid:

Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.

Races and peoples, lo! we stand divided,  
And sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;  
By wars and tumults love is mocked, derided,  
His conquering cross no kingdom wills to bear:  
Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.

Envious of heart, blind eyed, with tongues  
confounded,  
Nation by nation still goes unforgiven;  
In wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,  
Building proud towers which shall not reach to  
heaven:  
Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.

Lust of possession worketh desolations;  
There is no meekness in the sons of earth;  
Led by no star, the rulers of the nations  
Still fail to bring us to the blissful birth.  
Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.

How shall we love Thee, holy, hidden Being,  
If we love not the world which Thou hast made?  
O give us brother love for better seeing  
Thy world made flesh, and in a manger laid:  
Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy will be done.

Prayer of Approach - *Rev D Zinhagel, Moravian Church*  
(EBGR)

concluding with The Lord's Prayer - *Herman Grootaers,*  
*Hypodeacon, Russian Orthodox Church*

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: Son of God, eternal Saviour**  
(CH4 468)

1 Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
woman's Son, whose birth incarnate  
hallows all our human race:  
great High Priest, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead,  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 Lord, as you have lived for others,  
so may we for others live;  
freely have your gifts been granted,  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of sea and land,

we but stewards of your bounty  
held in trust at your command.

3 Come, Lord Jesus, reign among us,  
King of Love, and Prince of Peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
Yours the prayer, and yours the purpose,  
that your people should be one,  
grant from heaven, our hope's fruition;  
here on earth your will be done.

OT Reading: **Genesis 22: 1-3, 9-14** (p. 22)  
*Lea Kragt, German Evangelical Church*

Reading from the Psalms: **Psalm 85: 9-13** (p.595)  
*Apostle Isaac Twumasi Gibson, Holyfire House of Grace*

Anthem: "**My only hope**" Holland Methodist Church  
Choir

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5: 21 – 28**  
(p.969)  
*Pastor Joan Delsol Mead, Holland Methodist Church*

**Praise: It is God who holds the nations** (CH4 705)

1 It is God who hold the nations in the hollow of his hand;  
it is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the  
land;  
it is God who builds the city on the Rock and not on sand:  
may the living God be praised!

2 It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour,  
who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;  
in the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power:  
may the living God be praised!

3 When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate  
those who win our admiration by their service to the state,  
when self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great,  
may the living God be praised!

4 God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease --  
for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;  
may all peoples live together, share its riches, be at peace:  
may the living God be praised!

Prayer of Confession - *Rev Said Maxing, Jesus Licht der Wereld*

Address - "Meeting the Other" *Edwin Ruigrok*

**Praise: Lord, make us servants of your peace**

(CH4 527)

1.Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;

where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day:  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

Affirmation of Faith - (written by two 14-year old boys)

**We believe in God  
who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,  
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ  
who became human, who healed the sick,  
who talked to children, who made friends with  
sinners.  
He burned brightly and offended many.**

**His journey was one of life and death and  
resurrection.  
His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we  
breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,  
committed to one another, offering a welcome to  
everyone,  
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,  
workers for justice, brothers and sisters,  
a light for our world. Amen.**

**Praise: May the mind of Christ my Saviour** (MP 463)

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by His love and power controlling  
all I do and say.
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through His power.
- 3 May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.



- 4 May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
this is victory.
- 5 May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus,  
as I onward go.

Prayer of Thanksgiving - *Rev Jenni Pridmore, St Mary's  
Anglican*

Prayer of Intercession - *Bishop Nana Opoku Konu,  
Christian*

*Family International*

**Praise: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son**  
(CH4 419)

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*
- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory . . .*

3 No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through Thy  
deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.  
*Thine be the glory . . .*

Blessing and Dismissal - *Rev Derek G Lawson*

**May God our maker bless us  
and wrap us around in love and peace.**

May Jesus our brother bless us  
and ask us the questions that lead us to do justice.

**May the Holy Spirit bless us  
and fill our lives with courage and wisdom.**

May we live bravely in the love of the Trinity  
all our days and nights.

**Amen.**

**Sung Benediction: Go now in peace**

**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.**

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There will be a Retiring Offering  
for the work of PAX –  
a partnership between IKV (Interchurch Peace Council)  
and Pax Christi –  
whose Mission Statement reads:  
“PAX works together with committed citizens and  
partners  
to protect civilians against acts of war,  
to end armed violence, and to build a just peace.”