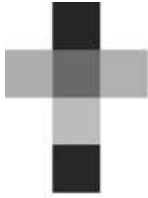


# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

- a congregation of the  
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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### WORSHIP for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in



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- Monday, December 17:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:1-19; Hebrews 13:7-17
- Tuesday, December 18:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:20-35; Acts 28:23-31
- Wednesday, December 19:** Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday, December 20:** Psalm 80:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:10-18
- Friday, December 21:** Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 42:10-18; Hebrews 10:32-39
- Saturday, December 22:** Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 66:7-11; Luke 13:31-35

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### **Another Prayer for Advent**

God of light, in this age of spiritual quests,  
open our eyes to what we already have.  
And teach us that the most important sacred place  
is within. Amen.

From 'Advent readings from Iona'

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## Order of Service for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Order of Service for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
16 December 2018**

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

“Sing and shout for joy, people of Israel!

**Rejoice with all your heart, Jerusalem!**

The Lord has ended your punishment;  
he has removed all your enemies.

**The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;  
there is no reason now to be afraid.**

The time is coming when they will say to Jerusalem,  
‘Do not be afraid, city of Zion! Do not let your hands hang limp!

**The Lord your God is with you;  
his power gives you victory.**

The Lord will take delight in you,  
and in his love he will give you new life.

**He will sing and be joyful over you,  
as joyful as people at a festival.’**

The Lord says,

‘I have ended the threat of doom and taken away your disgrace.

The time is coming!

**I will punish your oppressors;**

**I will rescue all the lame and bring the exiles home.**

**I will turn their shame to honour,**

**and all the world will praise them.**

**The time is coming!**

I will bring your scattered people home;

I will make you famous throughout the world

and make you prosperous once again.’

The Lord has spoken.”

*Welcome & Prayer of Approach*



**Hymn 281: People, look East. The time is near**

*Lighting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle*

*- John the Baptist Candle*

**Hymn 282: ‘Christmas is coming’,  
the Church is glad to sing (verses 1 – 3)**

Reflection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle

**Hymn 472: Come, thou long expected Jesus**

The Sunday School presents  
*"The Christmas Alphabet: A - H"*

**Hymn 304: O little town of Bethlehem**

*"The Christmas Alphabet: I – P"*

**Hymn: Emmanuel**

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*by Irene Bom*

1. Sing a song, a song of joy  
Come along and see the boy  
A baby boy who from heaven came  
Emmanuel is His Name

CHORUS:

Emmanuel - God is with us  
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God is with us - Emmanuel

2. Shepherds heard the angels sing  
Bringing news of a baby king  
So they went without delay  
To see the baby in a manger where he lay

3. Wise men came from afar  
They were led by a star  
They brought him gifts, gifts of joy  
Gold and myrrh and frankincense for the boy

*"The Christmas Alphabet: Q – T"*

**Carol: God rest ye merry, gentlemen**

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!  
O tidings of comfort and joy!
2. At Bethlehem, in Judah, the blessed Babe was born;  
they laid him in a manger on this most happy morn:  
at which his mother Mary did neither fear nor scorn:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...
3. From God our Heavenly Father a holy angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...
4. "Fear not," then said the Angel, "Let nothing cause you fright;  
to you is born a Saviour in David's town tonight,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...
5. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place!  
With Christian love and fellowship each other now embrace,  
and let this Christmas festival all bitterness displace:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...

*"The Christmas Alphabet: U – Z"*

Prayer of Confession - Elder - 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 4: 4 - 9**  
**Luke 3: 7 – 18**

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**Hymn 334: On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry**

Reflection:

*Church News followed by the Offering*

*Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession*

**Hymn 359: He came down that we may have love**

*Benediction and 3-fold Amen*

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### **Christmas Services**

**Next Sunday (23 Dec) - Joint Service at 10.30am**

with the Hope International Baptist Church;  
then at 7.30pm a **Service of Lessons & Carols**  
(preceded by Christmas Tea at 5.30pm).

**Christmas Eve - Christingle Service at 7.00pm.**

**Christmas Day at 10.30am - Christmas family celebration.**

**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?**

Tuesday 18 Dec 19h45 Consistory Meeting

Sunday 23 Dec 10h30 Worship for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

17h30 Christmas Tea  
18h15 Carol singing around the Cool  
19h30 Service of Lessons & Carols  
Monday 24 Dec 19h00 Christmas Eve Christingle Service  
Tuesday 25 Dec 10h30 Family Celebration of Christmas

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### **Church news announced by the Elder 09.12.18**

If you have not done so I advise you to download the Church of Scotland Advent calendar, with Bible Readings and meditations, leading you all the way to Christmas. Find it on the SICR website.

Christmas Services information can be found in this Order of Service on our website and on the posters in the Lower hall. Take some flyers and give them to neighbours and friends and invite them for our services.