

International Peace Service 2013

“The Great Commission: Reconciliation!”



Sunday 10th November 2013

19:30

Scots International Church Rotterdam

Order of service

Call to worship & welcome	Rev. Robert Calvert (Scots International Church)
Praise	O Lord my God (How great Thou art)
Prayer of approach	ds. Dag Finn Skogoy
Affirmation of Peace	(Norwegian Lutheran Seaman's Church)
Songs with	Rev. Irene Bom & Sonrise (Scots International)
A different creed	Patricia Steeklenburg (Wallonian Church)
Old Testament: Exodus 20: 1–6	Pastor Nosa Ighama (Heritage Full Gospel International Ministries)
Songs with	Robin John & the Urdu Protestant Church choir
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5: 17–21	Pastor Semere Enamo (Mehaber Christian Church)
The Gospel: Mark 2: 1–12	ds. Janina Glienicke (Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde)
Praise:	Be still for the presence of the Lord
Sermon:	"The Great Commission: Reconciliation!" ds. Aart Verburg (Protestant Church Netherlands, Oegstgeest)
Praise:	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Prayer of intercession	Rev. Joost Pot (Scots International Church)
The Lord's Prayer	dhr. Rene de Feijter
Songs with	GKIN Dordrecht / Rotterdam Choir
Retiral offering for SKIN	Eugene Ng (Treasurer, SKIN)
Praise:	Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son
Benediction & three-fold 'Amen'	

Welcome to all participants

Tonight we witness together to the gospel of reconciliation. The preacher, **ds. Aart Verburg**, is well known to migrant churches as a teacher/trainer in the Hendrik-Kraemer Institute. The **Wallonian Church or Waalse Kerk** is the oldest 'migrant' church in Rotterdam. Their website tells the interesting story of the church that started with the Huguenots in 1591. The **Norwegian Lutheran Seaman's Church** is situated in the Euromast Park and is constructed of wood with original beams going back to the Second World war. Janina Glienicke is a new minister to Rotterdam and serves the two congregations of the **German Evangelical Protestant Church** in Amsterdam and Rotterdam. We congratulate friends from the **Urdu Protestant Church** who officially joined the PKN Synod this year. The **GKIN (Indonesian Protestant Church)** in Schiedam/Dordrecht have started services on 2nd and 4th Sundays (1.30) at the Immanuel Kerk in Rotterdam. **Mehaber Christian Church** is an Ethiopian evangelical fellowship that meets in 'Het Steiger' nearby in Blaak. **Heritage Full Gospel International Ministries** is a diverse Pentecostal fellowship that started in 2002. The **Scots International Church** dates back to 1643 and began this tradition of hosting services for peace in the 1920s.

Affirmation of Peace

(Let us declare our intent by saying these words together)

"We come from different races, nations and churches, praising God in our own language, but we are servants of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. Together we join to worship God through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and together we seek the gift of peace, particularly for this city in which we worship".

A different creed (by German theologian and philosopher Dorothy Sölle)

I will not believe in the right of the most powerful, in the language of weapons, in the power of the mighty.

I choose to believe in the right of the weakest, in the outstretched hand, in the non-violence.

I will not believe in race or riches, in privileges, in the established order.

I choose to believe that all people are human beings, that the order of injustice is chaos.

I will not believe that I can fight oppression if I don't fight injustice as well.

I choose to believe that, near or far, there is only one kind of righteousness, and that I won't be free so long as even one person remains a slave.

I will not believe that love is a fantasy, that friendship is unreliable, that all words are lies.

I choose to believe in love that endures and tolerates, in communication between people, in words you can trust.

I will not believe that war is inevitable and peace unattainable.

I choose to believe in signs of hope, in the small deed, in peace on earth.

I will not believe that all effort is in vain, that death has the last word.

I dare to believe in the New Creation, which started with Jesus' coming;

I dare to believe in God's own dream: a new heaven and new earth, where justice reigns.

I believe in the crucified one, who lives,

In the unsuccessful man, who did not fail, in the powerless man, who has God on his side,

In him, who loves and whose cause God has taken up.

God didn't give weapons to the powerless,

He did not allow him to be destroyed, but acknowledged him as defenceless,

Adopted him, loved him and thus restored him to life,

To believe in Him is nothing else that to go His way. AMEN

We give warm thanks to our preacher **ds. Aart Verburg**, minister in Oegstgeest, all members of the clergy and choir groups, to the organist **Netty Dijkstra-Geuze**, to **Pam Russell** for organizing the coffee and to **André van der Velden** on the beamer.

Please join us all for coffee and tea in the Lower Hall afterwards. On leaving the church, an offering will be taken up on behalf of ***Samen Kerken in Nederland***.