



Welcome to the

Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Thought for the Week

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

*May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him."*

Psalm 67 (NRSV)

Order of Service

for Sunday 23 October 2016

Today we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving.

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

God created the world and all its wonders for us:

so that we might use it and enjoy it;

so that it might provide for all our needs;

but also entrusting it to our care.

Today, few of us grow our own food

or have to worry about where

the next meal is coming from.

And yet it's important that we gather today

to give thanks for harvest,

to acknowledge God's goodness to us and our need to share

what he has so generously given.

Come, then, bring God your worship and praise.

Come, then, open your hearts and minds,

your hands and all you have to share God's love.

Introit (Joyful Singers) - *during which please bring forward*
harvest gifts

Welcome

Prayer of Approach

Praise: **For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God**
(MP 153)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Praise: **God, whose farm is all creation** (CH4 226)

Blessing on the Children

Reading: **Genesis 1: 26 – 31** (p. 4)

Reflection: "How do we rule over God's creation?"

Praise: **Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently**
(CH4 243)

Words of Chief Seattle

Readings: **Isaiah 61: 1 – 4** (p. 748)
Luke 10: 25 – 37 (p. 1042)

Anthem **TBA** (Joyful Singers)

Reflection: “Called to make a difference”

Praise: **Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair** (MP 806)

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praise: **We plough the fields and scatter** (MP 732)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen

***Come and join us for refreshments – and for the auction
of our harvest produce - after the service!***

Wednesday’s Bible Study on John’s Gospel

Graham Jardine concludes his series on Wednesday at 7.30 pm, when his theme is “The Epilogue”, looking at Ch.21: 1-25.

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
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 Matthew Lane, Bilola Malaika Gwanmesia and Thomas Paton (now in Glasgow) on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned?
Inform the Office Team!*

What’s on the agenda?

Tuesday 25 Oct Consistory at 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday 26 Oct Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
Mamre at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 30 Oct Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Note – the Service will be taken by the **Rev. Lance Stone**, Minister of the English Reformed Church, Amsterdam – a Church of Scotland congregation, despite its name!
Please welcome him warmly!

Who’s who Today - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Children’s message: Rev Derek Lawson
Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Bible Reader: Irene Jardine
Welcome: John Essel & Christa Jacobs
Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Wenli Wan
Deacons-Counting: Mavis Fleming & Bridget Teisman
Door: Kees Knol
Beamer: Kwena Koka & Andre v.d. Velden
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
Hospitality: Ricky Lim & Ediri Sobotie
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For the Beamer

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.**

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