

## International Peace Service - 13 November 2016

Introit: Holland Methodist Church Choir - .....

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

Opening Responses -

O God, who called all life into being,  
**the earth, sea and sky are yours.**

Your presence is all around us,

**every atom is full of your energy.**

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth –

**with her we yearn for justice to be done,**

for creation to be freed from bondage,

**for the hungry to be fed,**

for captives to be released,

**for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.**

Prayer of Approach: *Ds Michel Badry, L'Eglise Wallonne*

The Lord's Prayer: *Hypodiacon Herman Grootaers,*  
*Russian Orthodox Church*

Praise: **My Jesus, my Saviour** (MP 1003)

OT Reading: **Isaiah 2: 1 – 5** (p. 686)  
*Priest Ulrik Iversen, Danish Sailors Church*

NT Readings: **Ephesians 2: 13 – 22** (p. 1174)  
*Apostle Isaac Twumasi Gibson,*  
*Holyfire House of Grace*

**Matthew 25: 31 – 46** (p. 995)  
*Pastor Semere Wolde Enamo,*  
*Mahbere Ethiopian Church*

Prayer of Confession: *Pastor Alexander Emoghene,*  
*Claypot Community Centre*

Address: "Called to be Peacemakers"

*Jan Maasen, Member of The Iona Community*

Praise: **Longing for light, we wait in darkness** (CH4 543)

*Affirmation of Faith - (from South Africa)*

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants  
are doomed to die and be lost.

**This is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son  
so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have  
everlasting life.**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and  
discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction.

**This is true: I have come that they may have life and have it  
abundantly.**

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that  
war and destruction have come to stay for ever.

**This is true: For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest,  
and whose name will be Prince of Peace.**

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil  
that seek to rule the world.

**This is true: All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me ... and, remember,  
I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

It is not true that we have to wait  
for those who are specially gifted,  
who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything.

**This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people,  
and your sons and daughters shall prophesy,  
your young people shall see visions,  
and your old folk shall dream dreams.**

It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind,  
our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace,  
are not meant for this earth and its history.

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now,  
that true worshippers shall worship God  
in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

Choir: GKIN Anklung Choir – ‘**Let there be Peace on Earth**’

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Ds Robert Wilschut, PKN Hoogvliet*

Praise: **May the God of hope go with us** (CH4 256)

Prayer of Concern: *Br. Said Maxing,*  
*Jesus Light of the World Church*

Praise: **Thine be the glory** (MP 689)

Closing Responses: *Rev Derek G Lawson*

Christ has come to turn the world upside down;  
**to humble the powerful and lift up the lowly.**

Christ has come to turn the tables;

**to topple vain idols and stand with the poor.**

Christ has come to proclaim God’s Kingdom:

**Men: to feed the hungry,**

**Women: to give sight to the blind,**

**Men: to strengthen the weary,**

**Women: to set the prisoners free.**

Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

**to overthrow the present order with a revolution of love.**

Benediction *Rev Derek G Lawson*

***Retiring Offering for the work of 'Samen010 - Churches for the City' with the asylum seekers at the AZC Beverwaard.***



**Scots International  
Church Rotterdam**

**Welcomes you to this**

## **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FOR PEACE**



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### **What is The Iona Community?**

The Iona Community is a dispersed Christian ecumenical community of men and women from different walks of life and different traditions in the Church engaged together, and with people of goodwill across the world, in acting, reflecting and praying for justice, peace and the integrity of creation; convinced that the inclusive community we seek must be embodied in the community we practise.

It is committed to living out the Christian faith in the areas of:

- Hospitality, diversity and inclusive community
- Worship, faith and spirituality
- Social justice and human rights
- Politics and campaigning
- Gender justice and human sexuality
- Environmental stewardship
- Peacemaking and non-violence
- Healing and reconciliation