

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

WORSHIP for the 3rd Sunday in



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Another Prayer for Advent

"Christ of the cosmos, living Word,
come to our divided world;
come to our fragmented lives;
come to heal and save.

In you our life is one again, and all things come together:
each connected to the other, each reflected in the other,
ourselves and all things living:
heaven and earth, time and space,
the whole created universe, in you. Amen"

From 'Advent readings from Iona'



Order of Service for the 3rd Sunday in Advent 11 December 2016

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

He is coming in the power and gentleness of the Spirit.

We will always rejoice.

He is bringing good news to the poor.

We will never stop praying.

He is binding up the broken-hearted.

We will give thanks in every circumstance.

He is proclaiming liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

**So we will not quench the Spirit,
nor despise the words of prophets;
but test everything, and hold fast to what is good.
for God has promised, and God is faithful.**

Introit: "The hills are bare at Bethlehem"
(Choir)

Welcome

Prayer of Approach

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle - a Candle of Proclamation

Hymn: Come close, Advent God

(Tune of 'Away in a manger')

**Come close, Advent God, giving prophets a voice
to proclaim days of hope and a time to rejoice.**

**Let lives of compassion and deeds of great worth
be candles of light as we wait for the birth.**

Praise: Make way, make way

(MP 457)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder - and The Lord's Prayer

OT Reading: **Isaiah 35: 1 – 10** (p. 719)

Reflection: “Are we painting pictures as good as Isaiah’s?”

Praise: Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets (CH4 284)

NT Reading: **James 5: 7 – 10** (p. 1216)

Reflection: “Patience, hope and tolerance”

Praise: When out of poverty is born (CH4 291)

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 24: 36 - 44** (p. 994)

Reflection: “Proclaiming God’s Kingdom in a changed world”

Praise: Will you come and follow me (CH4 533)

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: “**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came**” (Choir)

Church News

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praise: People look East. The time is near (CH 4 281)

Benediction and 3-fold Amen

Christmas Day & New Year’s Day Services

As both Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on Sundays,
there will be worship as usual on 25 December
and 1 January at 10.30 a.m. as each Sunday.

The Christmas Day service will be for all the family

and on New Year’s Day we will, as usual, celebrate the
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Don’t forget to submit your list of Favourite Hymns!

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 Floris Balatica, James Essel and Menen Tessema-Betre on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What’s on the agenda?

Sunday 18 Dec 10.30am Family Christingle Service
4.30pm Christmas Tea - Please fill the form
in the vestibule to indicate the delicacy you will bring.

6.30pm Service of Lessons & Carols
Saturday 24 Dec 7.30pm Worship for Christmas Eve

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

Elder: Peace Acquaaah

Children’s message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Welcome: Teun Karreman & Irene van Ginkel

Crèche: Meriam v.d. Velden & Heather Wong

Deacons-Counting: Esther Abang & Raneer Damanik

Door: Chinedum Koka

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Jimmy van Putten & Annemarie Fleming

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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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