

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Order of Service for our



Sunday 18 December 2016 at 6.30pm

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

Throughout the generations, God has sent
the message of peace and reconciliation.

**In the words of the prophets,
in acted parable, in history, in nature.
God has revealed a loving intent
towards men and women.**

Finally, in due time, God sent Jesus into the world
to demonstrate in human terms
God's way of living and loving.

**So this evening we come to prepare our hearts
and minds once more to receive the Gospel
of hope and healing.**

In this place we are invited
to open ourselves to the Spirit of God,
to prepare a place for God in our lives.
Come, then, let us worship God.

Welcome

Praise: Long ago, prophets knew (Tune: Personent Hodie,
CH4 193)

1. Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new; bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

2. God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man, born himself of woman,
God divinely human. *Chorus*

3. Mary hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid: till the time expected,
nurtured and protected. *Chorus*

4. Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary,

Saviour, do not tarry! *Chorus*

Prayer of Approach

First Lesson: Genesis 3 : 8 -19 (p.) Bob Hensen

Praise: Love came down at Christmas (MP 451)

Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15 - 18 (p.) Anneke Pot

Praise: The God of Abraham praise (MP 645)

Third Reading: Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7 (p.) Ruud Witte

Reflection

Praise: Hark! The herald angels sing (MP 211)

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 11 : 1 – 9 (p.) Esther Abang

Carols from the Choir -

Like a candle flame (*Graham Kendrick*)
Irish Christmas Blessing (*Keith & Kristyn Getty*)

Fifth Reading: Luke 1 : 26 – 38 (p.) Rizal Sebastian

Praise: Of the Father's love begotten (CH4 319)

Sixth Reading: Luke 2 : 1- 7 (p) Elaine/Joanne de Zanger

Praise: Silent night, holy night! (MP 597)

*Seventh Reading: Luke 2 : 8 – 16 (p.)Hope International
Baptist Church*

Reflection

Praise: The first nowell (MP 644)

Eighth Reading: Matthew 2 : 1 – 12 (p.) Irene Bom

Praise: See him lying on a bed of straw (MP 589)

Ninth Reading: John 1 : 1 – 14 (p.) Peace Acquah

Offering and Prayer

Praise: Come and hear the joyful singing (Tune: Nos Galan)

1. Come and hear the joyful singing, alleluia, gloria,
set the bells of heaven ringing: alleluia, gloria,
God the Lord has shown us favour, alleluia, gloria,
Christ is born to be our saviour. Alleluia, gloria!
2. Angels of his birth are telling, alleluia, gloria,
prince of peace all powers excelling; alleluia, gloria,
death and hell cannot defeat him: alleluia, gloria,
go to Bethlehem and greet him. Alleluia, gloria!
3. Choir and people, shout in wonder, alleluia, gloria,
let the merry organ thunder; alleluia, gloria,
thank our God for love amazing, alleluia, gloria,
Father, Son and Spirit praising. Alleluia, gloria!

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 10.30am 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.

Sunday 8th January - Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch

immediately after the Service -
please put your name on the list,
so we know how many to cater for!

