

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

- a congregation of the  
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### OT Reading for this Sunday

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan -

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.  
You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Isaiah 9:1-4

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### Order of Service

for Sunday 22 January 2017  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*Call to Worship (congregational parts are **in bold**)*

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**They lived in a land of shadows,  
but now light is shining on them.**

You have given them great joy, Lord;  
you have made them happy.

**They rejoice in what you have done."**

*Welcome & Prayer of Approach*

**Praise: Lord, the light of your love is shining** (MP 445)

*Prayer of Confession – Elder - The Lord's Prayer*

*Children's Message: Families*

**Praise: I am the Church! You are the Church!** (CH4 204)

*Blessing on the Children*

**Praise: The Lord's my light and saving health** (CH4 22)

*Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18* (p. 1144)

Reflection: "Our unity is in Jesus"

**Praise: In the cross of Christ I glory** (MP 338)

*Reading: Matthew 4: 12 – 23* (p. 968)

Reflection: "Come, follow me!"

**Praise: Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult** (MP 359)

*Prayer for Christian Unity - today is the Sunday in the middle  
of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:*

*in this prayer after the 12<sup>th</sup> stone, please join together to pray:*

**Lord, our God, look upon this wall that we have built,  
which separates us from you and from one another.**

**Forgive us our sins and heal us.**

**Help us to overcome all walls of division  
and make us one in you. Amen.**

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

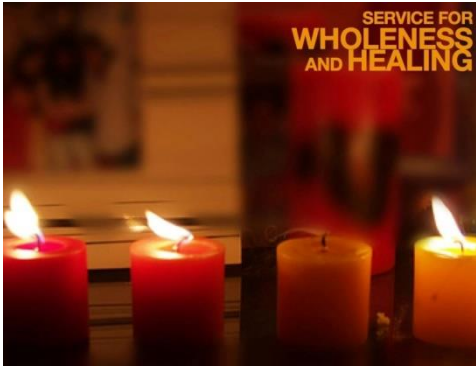
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Prayer of Intercession - in which please respond, after the words 'Lord, in your mercy,' with the words, '**hear our prayer.**'

**Praise: Judge Eternal, throned in splendour** (MP 395)  
(Tune: Rhuddlan)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

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**A Service for Wholeness and Healing**  
**will be held on Sunday 19 February at 7.30pm.**  
**This will, hopefully, be the first in a regular series**  
**of such services, in which the worship will concentrate**  
**on our personal need for wholeness and healing,**  
**and also on the world's need.**

More information in the next edition of 'The Herald'

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**Elders and Deacons**

are reminded of the Follow-up to the Envisioning Day  
to be held **next Saturday, 28 January**  
from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the Church Hall.  
A full attendance is requested.

**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](mailto: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 Ethan Kekesi, Alan Paton (now in Glasgow), Cor Vermeulen and Maaïke Koka-v.d. Eerden on their birthdays.

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

**What's on the agenda?**

Wednesday 25 Jan      Deadline for articles for *The Herald*  
Sunday 29 Jan          Worship for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
   after Epiphany at 10.30 am

**Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson  
Elder: Emmanuel Asare Awuku  
Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson  
Organist: Amund Roe  
Bible Reader: Irene Jardine  
Welcome: Pam Russell & Wistaria Cairo  
Crèche: Meriam v.d. Velden & colleague tba  
Deacons-Counting: Molly Foster & Bridget Teisman  
Door: Harry Jonckheere  
Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden  
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden  
Hospitality: Menen Tessema & Evelyn Koomson  
Flowers: Pam Russell  
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## **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.**

*English Language Liturgical Consultation Text 1998*