

# Welcome to the



## **Scots International Church Rotterdam**

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### **A Creation Prayer**

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.

By Philip Newall

(From *Holy Ground*, Wild Goose Publications)

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**Order of Service  
for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Sunday 9 July 2017**  
**“The Story we find ourselves in” - Part 1**



*Please stand to receive God's Word into your midst.*

Welcome

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

As we gather,

**we come with different stories,**

**with different experiences of life,**

with different understandings of the Christian faith.

**But God offers us a story of which we are all part**

- a story that begins with the story of creation:

**God creating the earth, the universe,**

**out of love.**

So, today let us all enter into that story;

let us allow that story to speak to us

**that we may see our place in it**

**and come to know God's love for us**

**and for all his creation.**

**Praise: All things bright and beautiful**

(MP 23 ii)

Children's Message

**Praise: Who put the colours in the rainbow?**

(CH4 143)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Approach

**Praise: Oh, come, and let us to the Lord** (CH4 59)  
(Tune 1 – Irish)

Prayer of Confession - Elder – 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.**

Reading: Genesis 2: 4b – 25 (p. 4)

**Praise: Sing all creation, sing to God in gladness** (CH4 64)

Sermon followed by Your Chance to Respond

**Praise: Beauty for brokenness** (CH4 259)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayers for the World

**Praise: God in such love for us lent us this planet** (CH4 240)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

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**The Story continues over the coming weeks ...**

**16 July: Crisis**

**23 July: Calling**

**6 August: Conversations**

**13 August: Christ**

**20 August: Church**

**27 August: Consummation**

If there's anything in this series of sermons that you'd like a future Bible Study to cover or to be the subject of a more detailed sermon please let Derek know, so that we can explore God's story further.

### **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 Charles Ashu on his birthday.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

*Inform the Office Team!*

### **What's on the agenda?**

Sunday 16 July 10.30 am "The story we find ourselves in"  
"Crisis"

### **Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Welcome: Ranee Damanik & Lianne Buitendijk

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Meriam v.d. Velden  
Deacons-Counting: Molly Foster & Eric Wenfua  
Door: Fred Booman  
Beamer: Anthony & Ingrid Evovo  
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden  
Hospitality: Graham & Irene Jardine  
Flowers: Family Knol

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