



Welcome to the

**Scots International Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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**Thought for the Week**

"Through the Holy Spirit we can begin to experience heaven on earth now. God's spiritual resources are made available to us by his Spirit living in us and acting through us to affect the shape of human life. ...

In the age to come the spiritual life of heaven will integrate with life on earth in such a way that the latter will be touched and beautified by God's presence."

*From 'Heaven: it's not the end of the world' by David Lawrence*

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**Order of Service  
for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Sunday 27 August 2017  
"The Story we find ourselves in" Part 7: Consummation



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

Welcome

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

Stop for a while on your journey – ponder your life.

**May God grant us the space to reflect on our place in the story we all find ourselves in.**

Reflect on how your story fits with that story:

where that story is inviting you to go, what it is inviting you to say and to do.

**Then may God empower us to go – to say it and do it, to step out again on our journey, remembering to keep travelling along with God.**

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

Children's Message

**Praise: The journey of life may be easy, may be hard**

Words see below

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Approach

**Praise: God of grace and God of Glory (M.P. 192)**

Prayer of adoration and confession – ending with the Lord’s Prayer

Reading: John 16: 21 - 24 (p. 1084)

Reflection: “God is ahead of us”

**Praise: Be thou my vision (M.P 51).**

Reading: Revelation 21: 1 – 7 (p. 1249)

Reflection : “The story goes on” *followed by Time for Responses*

**Praise: My life flows on in endless song** (CH4 565)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News (incl. Akwa Health Project by Esther Abang)

Prayers for Others - Elder

**Praise: Rejoice! the Lord is King** (MP 575)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

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**Epilogue: And so the story ends!**

**But, in truth, it does not – for it continues to be written  
by Christians across the world – including by you,  
the congregation of the SICR.**

**May we write it boldly and faithfully!  
May we make God’s story our story!**

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Next Sunday, 3 September, we start another Church year with both the Sunday School and the Youth Group resuming. As well as our monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, our service will include an invitation to make a Re-Commitment to our Faith at the start of a new Church year.

**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 Daniel Oppong-Sarfo, Solomon Stifanos Thomas Ewing, Max Ferdinandus, Margriet van Overbeeke and Johan Wagenaar on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

*Inform the Office Team!*

**What’s on the agenda?**

Sun 3 September 10h30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sun 3 September Your Group restarts

**Who’s who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Fred Booman

Children’s message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Dennis Acquaye

Welcome: Mavis Etienne & Joke Cromwell

Crèche: Maaïke van der Eerden & Nnenna Koka

Deacons-Counting: Ruud Witte & Mavis Fleming

Door: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Beamer: Joshua Paundra

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Magdalene Osas & Elizabeth Adzra

Flowers: Regina Pariury

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## For the Beamer

### The journey of life

1. The journey of life  
may be easy, may be hard,  
there'll be danger on the way;  
with Christ at my side  
I'll do battle as I ride,  
'gainst the foe that would lead me astray;

*Will you ride, ride, ride with the King of kings,  
will you follow my leader true;  
will you shout Hosanna to the lowly Son of God,  
who died for me and you?*

2. My burden is light  
and a song is in my heart  
as I travel on life's way;  
for Christ is my Lord  
and he's given me his word  
that by my side he'll stay;

*Chorus*

Valerie Collison