

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

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A Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Uniting Church in Australia

Order of Service for Sunday 5 November 2017
Today is a Communion Sunday -
and so we invite you to come to the Lord's Table
and share in his feast.

Sacrament of Holy Communion - 5 November 2017

Call to Worship - (the congregation's responses are printed **in bold**.)

Come – in certainty or in confusion,
in anger or in anguish – this time is for you.
Come – in silent suffering or hidden sorrow,
in pain or promise – this time is for you.
Come – in joy or thanksgiving, or even if you're not
sure why.

To be here is enough.

This time is for us all –

**a time to pause on our journey, a time to be
renewed,**

**a time to consciously bring ourselves into
God's presence,**

a time to praise.

Introit: **Wonderful words of life**

(Choir)

1. Sing them over again to me Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty, Teach me faith and duty:
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life;

2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of
Life;
Listen well to the loving call Wonderful words of Life.
All the wondrous story, Showing us His glory:
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life;

3.Sweetly echo the gospel call Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever:
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life;

Welcome followed by Prayer of Approach

Praise: In the presence of your people (CH4 121)

1.In the presence of your people
I will praise your name,
for alone you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Let us celebrate your goodness
and your steadfast love;
may your name be exalted
here on earth and in heaven above.

2.All who love you sing your praises
and proclaim your power,
for alone you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
You have not ignored our suffering
but have heard our cry;
may your power be exalted
here on earth and in heaven above.

3.All who seek your rule will praise you
and be satisfied;
for alone you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
All the peoples of the nations
will bow down to you,

may your rule be exalted
here on earth and in heaven above.

Children's Message

Praise: There are trees and there are flowers
(SSS2014:85)

There are trees and there are flowers
There is sunshine and there are showers
There are millions of things around us
in the world that our God made.

And He cares for each little sparrow
and He cares for each daisy too.
Our God cares for everything,
including me and you
and you and you and you.
Our God cares for everything,
including me and you.

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - ending with 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.

Praise: Dear Lord and Father of mankind (MP 111)

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow Thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
- 4 With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of Thy call,
as noiseless let Thy blessing fall
as fell Thy manna down.
- 5 Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,

and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

- 6 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

**Continuing ‘The story we find ourselves in’ – the
story of Joshua crossing the Jordan:
Joshua 3: 5 – 17 (p. 218)**

5 Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”

6 Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.” So they took it up and went ahead of them.

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.

8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’ ”

9 Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.

10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites.

11 See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.

12 Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.

15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest.

Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge,

16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13 (p. 1186)

9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

12encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

Matthew 23: 1 – 12

(p. 991)

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:

2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;

6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;

7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

8 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers.

9 And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

11 The greatest among you will be your servant.

12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon

Praise: Make me a captive, Lord (MP455)

- 1 Make me a captive, Lord,
 and then I shall be free;
 force me to render up my sword,
 and I shall conqueror be.
 I sink in life's alarms
 when by myself I stand;
 imprison me within Thine arms,
 and strong shall be my hand.

- 2 My heart is weak and poor
 until its master find;
 it has no spring of action sure –
 it varies with the wind.
 It cannot freely move,
 till Thou hast wrought its chain;
 enslave it with Thy matchless love,
 and deathless it shall reign.

- 3 My power is faint and low
 till I have learned to serve;
 it wants the needed fire to glow,
 it wants the breeze to nerve;
 it cannot drive the world,
 until itself be driven;
 its flag can only be unfurled
 when Thou shalt breathe from heaven.

4 My will is not my own
till Thou hast made it Thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne
it must its crown resign;
it only stands unbent,
amid the clashing strife,
when on Thy bosom it has leant
and found in Thee its life.

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: Empty, broken, here I stand (Kyrie Eleison)
(Choir)

Empty, broken, here I stand, Kyrie eleison
touch me with your healing hand, Kyrie eleison.
Take my arrogance and pride Kyrie eleison
wash me in your mercy's tide Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, kyrie eleison

When my faith has all but gone, Kyrie eleison
give me strength to carry on, Kyrie eleison
When my dreams have turned to dust, Kyrie eleison
in You, O Lord, I put my trust Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, kyrie eleison

When my heart is cold as ice, Kyrie eleison
your love speaks of sacrifice Kyrie eleison
Love that sets the captive free, Kyrie eleison
O pour compassion down on me Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison, kyrie eleison

You're the voice that calms my fears, Kyrie eleison
you're the laughter, dries my tears, Kyrie eleison
You're my music, my refrain, Kyrie eleison
help me sing your song again, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, kyrie eleison

Humble heart of holiness, Kyrie eleison
kiss me with your tenderness, Kyrie eleison
Jesus faithfull friend and true, Kyrie eleison
all I am I give to you, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Church News

Prayer for Others Elder

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Praise: Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

(Tune: Song 22, no.495) (CH4 664 v.14)

1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

3 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

4 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
this hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving – beginning with these responses:

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks
and praise.**

Later, after the words, "... to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:" say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are fully of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Later we say together the Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Praise: I want to walk with Jesus Christ
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- 1 I want to walk with Jesus Christ,
all the days I live of this life on earth;
to give to Him complete control
of body and of soul.

*Follow Him, follow Him,
yield your life to Him –
He has conquered death,
He is King of kings;
accept the joy which He gives to those
who yield their lives to Him.*

- 2 I want to learn to speak to Him,
to pray to Him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let Him in,
for joy will then be mine.

Follow Him, follow Him . . .

- 3 I want to learn to speak of Him –
my life must show that He lives in me;
my deeds, my thoughts, my words must speak
all of His love for me.

Follow Him, follow Him . . .

- 4 I want to learn to read His word,
for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases Him,
in holiness and joy.

Follow Him, follow Him . . .

- 5 O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
enter now into this heart of mine;

take full control of my selfish will
and make me wholly Thine!

Follow Him, follow Him . . .

Benediction and Threefold Amen followed by:

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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 Christine Galloway, Irene van Ginkel, Wil Ross, Elizabeth DornLee and Raneë Damanik on their birthdays.

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

Today's Mission Offering: SKIN Netlerlands

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 12 November 10h30 Service of Remembrance

19h30 International Service

for Peace

Who's who Today:

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Andre v.d. Velden

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Welcome: Jaco Jacobs & Maureen Vollema

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Wenli Wan

Deacons Counting: Ranee Damanik & Molly Foster

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Frederick Purba

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Ingrid EvovoBelksma & Daniel de Jong

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For the beamer

05.11.17 Church News announced by the Elder

- **The Adult Young Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** continues **Monday 6th November 8pm @** Rev. Irene Bom's studying the book: "A Heart for God: Learning from David through the Tough Choices of Life".

- **The Alpha Course continues on Wednesday 8th November.**
- **The book Group** meets **Friday 17th November at 1 pm** in the Crèche. The book is *Girl on the train*. Bring some food to share. Ask Norma or Pat if you want to know more.
- There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- The **excursion to a Milieupark** takes place on **Thursday 9th November**. See how waste, too large for the bin, is disposed of. See Pam or the SICR Weekly Bulletin for details.
- Our other organist **Netty Dijkstra** has written a book about educating her two great autistic sons and her recovery from anxiety & burnout. **Look for details on the notice board.**
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
- If you **did not hear these announcements properly**, find them on the Notice Board downstairs, with a copy to take away.
- **Please note: the spoken word counts!**