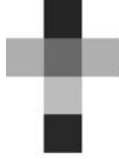


Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

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Bible Readings for the Week

Monday, February 19: Psalm 77; Job 4: 1-21; Ephesians 2: 1-10

Tuesday, February 20: Psalm 77; Job 5: 8-27; 1 Peter 3: 8-18a

Wednesday, February 21: Psalm 77; Proverbs 30: 1-9; Matthew
4: 1-11

Thursday, February 22: Ps. 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18;
Romans 3:21-31

Friday, February 23: Psalm 22: 23-31; Genesis 16: 1-6; Romans
4: 1-12

Saturday, February 24: Psalm 22: 23-31; Genesis 16: 7-15; Mark
8: 27-30

Tonight at 19h30

**Come and be part of this
important aspect of our
Christian ministry
to all in need of
wholeness and healing**

Order of Service for Sunday 18 February 2018

Sunday 18 February 2018 - 1st Sunday in Lent

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

At the beginning of Lent

God renews his gracious invitation to us.

**In penitence and faith we are asked once more
to journey with Jesus:**

from baptism in the Jordan to trial in Jerusalem and
beyond;

to live out the implications

of our Christian commitment;

to survive the wilderness without;

to face the wild beasts within us;

**to trust in the guidance and power of the Holy
Spirit.**

Come, then, in confidence,

on this First Sunday in Lent to worship.

Introit: **Be still, my soul**

(Choir)

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;

bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

leave to your God to order and provide;

in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still my soul: your God will undertake

to guide the future as he has the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
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all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Welcome followed by Prayer of Adoration

Praise: Jubilate, everybody

(MP 394)

Jubilate, everybody,
serve the Lord in all your ways, and
come before His presence singing:
enter now His courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and His mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate,
jubilate Deo!

Children's Message

Praise: Big Strong Tree, (Irene Bom)

(SSS2014 8)

CHORUS:

Lord, You are like a big strong tree
And You help us live fruitfully
Lord, You are like a big strong tree
And You help us live for You.

1. You are like the dew

You make us all blossom like the lilies
You are like the dew

(Repeat Chorus)

2. You are like the vine
We will grow if we live in You
You are like the vine

(Repeat Chorus)

3. You are like the stream
You fill us up with life-giving water
You are like the stream

(Repeat Chorus)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder
- *concluding 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: Great is thy faithfulness
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(MP

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided –
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness . . .

- 3 Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness . . .

OT Reading: **Genesis 9: 8- 17**

(p.10)

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

9 “I now establish my covenant with you and with your
descendants after you

10 and with every living creature that was with you—
the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all

those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

17 So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

Reflection

“The Rainbow Covenant”

Praise: Nourished by the rainfall
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(CH4

1. Nourished by the rainfall, the earth can come alive;
woodlands swell with splendour, the moors and meadows thrive.

Flowers of every colour now raise their heads in pride,
praising God their maker throughout the countryside.
Each flower has its purpose, and every petal its place,

each celebrates glory, each speaks of God's good grace
All, all of creation delights to worship the Lord.
Let those in God's image respond in deed and word.

2. Birds that wake the morning and fill the evening sky,
sing not to please humans, but to praise God on high.
Nightingale and curlew, the robin, rook, and wren,
first rehearse their anthem, then sing it through again.
Each bird has its purpose, and every song has its place,
each celebrates glory, each speaks of God's good grace
All, all of creation delights to worship the Lord.
Let those in God's image respond in deed and word.

3. Every land and nation, each woman, child, and man,
find their root and reason before the world began;
all by God were destined to hear the Saviour's call,
and choose to give him nothing, or gladly give him all.
Each soul has its purpose, and every child has its place,
each celebrates glory, each speaks of God's good grace.
All, all of creation delights to worship the Lord.
Let those in God's image respond in deed and word.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 9 – 15

(p.1002)

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and
was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he
saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending
on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son,
whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness,
13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being
tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and
angels attended him.

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into
Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Reflection “The Significance of Jesus’ Baptism”

Anthem: **In the bulb there is a flower** (Choir)

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to
be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and
me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Offering followed by Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praise: For my sake and the gospel's, go (CH4 248)

1 'For my sake and the gospel's, go
and tell redemption's story';
his heralds answer, 'Be it so,
and thine, Lord, all the glory!'
They preach his birth, his life, his cross,

the love of his atonement,
for whom they count the world but loss,
his Easter, his enthronement.

2 Hark! hark! the trump of jubilee
proclaims to every nation,
from pole to pole, by land and sea,
glad tidings of salvation:
Still on and on the anthems spread
of alleluia voices;
in concert with the holy dead,
the warrior Church rejoices.

3 He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns
the last of time's evangels,
Immanuel, crowned with many crowns,
the Lord of saints and angels.
O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM,
Triune, who changest never,
the throne of God and of the Lamb
is thine, and thine for ever.

Benediction and three-fold Amen

Church News

1. Derek will be away from 21-28 Feb to the CoS Costa del Sol to moderate a Kirk Session meeting and their AGM, in his role as Interim Moderator there.
2. There will be a **Prayer Breakfast next Saturday, 24 Feb, at 9.00am** in the Church Hall. In order to ensure there's breakfast for you, please let Irene Bom know if you are coming!
3. The annual **World Day of Prayer Service** will be held in the SICR on **Friday 2nd March at 10.30am**. Its

theme is "All God's creation is very good!" and it has been written by Christian women in Suriname.

4. The Congregational **Annual General Meeting** will be immediately after the Service on **Sunday 4th March** and will include consideration of the new Constitution for the congregation.

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 Eva Grace van Put-Fernandez, Catriona Ewing, Carol de Groot-Crone, Dieudonné Gwanmesia and Jan Willem Hoek on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

What's on the agenda?

Monday 19 February 20h00 Ladies Bible Study at Irene Bom's

Sunday 25 February 10h30 Worship led by Rev Irene Bom

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Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Mavis Fleming

Choir: Anneke Pot

Children's message: Licia Knoester

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Sharon Ganesh

Welcome: Teun Karreman & Mavis Etienne
Crèche: Meriam v.d. Velden & Chante Fleming
Deacons-Counting: Molly Foster & Mavis Fleming (swap needed)
Door: Peace Acquaah
Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
Hospitality: Teun & Esther Karreman
Flowers: Marie Chandler

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Church News of 19.02.2018 announced by the Elder

Please check the agenda in this Order of Service and take it home for further reference.

Our AGM - Annual General Meeting reviewing 2017, will be held on Communion **Sunday 4th March** immediately after the Service. The Consistory Clerk's Report, financial and reports of Teams, Groups and Projects will be sent to you with next Thursday's SICR Bulletin. To save paper, limited copies will be available now and on 04.03.18.

During the AGM we will also re-elect Elder Peace Acquaah.

Please support his nomination on the Notice Board.

If you like to receive the **SICR 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!