

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday, March 5: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6 : 1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3 : 10-23

Tuesday, March 6: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29 : 1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9 : 23-28

Wednesday, March 7: Psalm 84; Ezra 6 : 1-16; Mark 11 : 15-19

Thursday, March 8: Psalm 107 : 1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9 : 8-17; Ephesians 1 : 3-6

Friday, March 9: Psalm 107 : 1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12 : 5-13; Ephesians 1 : 7-14

Saturday, March 10: Psalm 107 : 1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20 : 22-29; John 3 : 1-13

Order of Service for Sunday 4 March 2018

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

**Today is a Communion Sunday -
The table at which we gather is not
the table of any one Church,
but of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Sunday 4 March 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Call to Worship (congregational lines **in bold**)

Wise God, jealous and holy,

your love brings us truth.

Wise God, just and joyful,

your stories bring us hope.

Wise God, wakeful and surprising,

your breath brings us life.

Introit (Choir): **Psalm 19**

1. The heavens declare your glory
the firmament your power;
day unto day the story
repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying,
proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying,
the wonders of your hand.

2. The sun with royal splendor
goes forth to chant your praise,
and moonbeams soft and tender
their gentler anthem raise.
O'er every tribe and nation,
the music is outpoured,
the song of all creation
to you, creation's Lord

3. All heaven on high rejoices
to do its Maker's will;
the stars with solemn voices
resound your praises still.
So let my whole behavior,
each thought, each deed I do,
be, Lord, my strength, my Savior,
a ceaseless song to you.

Welcome and Prayer of Approach

**Praise: Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn
of creation (CH4 172)**

1. Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of
creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of
elation;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains
that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that
could blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy
illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to
confusion;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's
journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to
restore us;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Children's Message

Praise: God is good

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God is good – we sing and shout it,
God is good – we celebrate;
God is good – no more we doubt it,
God is good – we know it's true!

And when I think of His love for me,
my heart fills with praise
and I feel like dancing;
for in His heart there is room for me,
and I run with arms opened wide.

God is good – we sing and shout it,
God is good – we celebrate;
God is good – no more we doubt it,
God is good – we know it's true! *Hey!*

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession [Elder] – 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.

Reading: **1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25**

(p.1144)

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Reflection: "Christ – the Wisdom and Power of God"

Praise: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

(MP 51)

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

- 2 Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3 Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight,
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower:
raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Reading: **John 2: 13 - 22**

(p.1065)

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

20 They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?”

21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Reflection: “The Living Temple”

Praise: The Church is wherever God’s people are praising
(CH4 522)

1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising, knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord. The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

2 The Church is wherever God's people are loving, where all are forgiven and start once again, where all are accepted, whatever their background, whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3 The Church is wherever God's people are seeking to reach out and touch folk wherever they are -- conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort, to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4 The Church is wherever God's people are praising, knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord. The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Anthem (Choir): **Give me a clean heart**

Chorus:

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee.
Lord fix my heart so that I may be used by Thee.
For I'm not wor-thy of all these bless-ings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low Thee.

1. I'm not ask-ing for the rich-es of the land.
I'm not ask-ing for the proud to know my name.
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart,
that I may fol-low Thee.
Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low Thee.

2. Some-times I am up and some-times I am down.
Some-times I am al-most lev-el to the ground.
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart,
that I may fol-low Thee.
Give me a clean heart
and I'll fol-low Thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Praise: Jesus stand among us (MP 381)

- 1 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives,
be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes;
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.
- 2 So to You we're gathering out of each and every land,
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands;
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

OPTIONAL VERSE FOR COMMUNION

- 3 Jesus stand among us at the breaking of the bread;
join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving - (responses in bold)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then later in the prayer, after the words: "... Therefore we join together in saying:"

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Distribution of the Elements followed by Prayer

**Praise: Almighty Father of all things that be (CH4 497)
Verses 1,2,5 & 6**

1 Almighty Father of all things that be,
our life, our work we consecrate to thee,
whose heavens declare thy glory from above,
whose earth below is witness to thy love.

2 For well we know this weary, soiled earth
is yet thine own by right of its new birth,

since that great cross upreared on Calvary
redeemed it from its fault and shame to thee.

5 Then grant us, Lord, in all things thee to own,
to dwell within the shadow of thy throne,
to speak and work, to think and live and move
reflecting thine own nature, which is love;

6 That so, by Christ redeemed from sin and shame,
and hallowed by thy Spirit's cleansing flame,
ourselves, our work, and all our powers may be
a sacrifice acceptable to thee.

Benediction and Three-fold Amen

*followed by the Sung Benediction: **Go now in peace ...***

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.

Please remain standing while the elements are removed from the church.

Church News

Ladies' Bible Study at Irene Bom's continues tomorrow at 8pm.

At the end of the Service **next Sunday** there will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to come to the front of the church for a time of accompanied prayer.

Items for inclusion in the next edition of 'The Herald' must be submitted by **Wednesday 15 March**.

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 Quinten Lambertino Massicott, Kwesi Akomeah, Meijing Li, Lilianna Wagenaar, Emma de Zanger, Dorothy Kingsale and Aletia Baiye on their birthdays.

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

Today's Mission Offering:

Ma-Flo Orphans Education Support Bali, Cameroon

What's on the agenda?

Tuesday 6 March 19h45 Consistory Meeting

Sunday 11 March 10h30 Worship conducted by Rev Joost Pot

(Derek is away to the Presbytery meeting in Lisbon)

Who's who Today –

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ruud Witte

Choir: Anneke Pot

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Welcome: `Joke Cromwell & Teun Karreman

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayère & Wenli Wan

Deacons-Counting: Raneë Damanik & Frans van der Meer

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Andre v.d.Velden

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Frieda Enow & Elizabeth Adzra
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For the Beamer

Summary 25.02.18

Open plate	432.95
Envelopes	545.00
Coffee money	15.20
Sunday school	4.20
Fam. (name withheld)	20.00
Bank (weekly avg.)	454.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.	368.00
Additional rental avg	322.00
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Average weekly expenditure	€ 2,038.00

Church News of 04.03.2018 announced by the Elder

Please look at the Church News and agenda in this Order of Service and take it home for further reference.

1. Our AGM - Annual General Meeting will be held today almost immediately after the Service. The Consistory Clerk's Report, financial and reports of Teams, Groups and Projects have been sent to you with last and previous Thursday's SICR Bulletin.

To save paper, limited printed copies will be available today.

2. Today's Mission Offering is dedicated to:
Ma-Flo Orphans Education Support Bali, Cameroon

3. If you like to receive the SICR Bulletin in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.

4. 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!