

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
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Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday, March 19: Psalm 119: 9-16; Isaiah 43: 8-13; 2
Corinthians 3: 4-11

Tuesday, March 20: Psalm 119: 9-16; Isaiah 44: 1-8; Acts 2: 14-24

Wed, March 21: Psalm 119: 9-16; Haggai 2: 1-9, 20-23; John 12:
34-50

Thu, March 22: Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16: 1-8;
Philippians 2: 1-11

Friday, March 23: Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33: 1-9;
Philippians 2: 12-18

Sat, March 24: Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33: 10-16; Mark 10:
32-34, 46-52

Order of Service for Sunday 18 March 2018

Tonight at 19h30



Sunday 18 March 2018
5th Sunday in Lent

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

On this 5th Sunday in Lent,
bring God your worship and praise,
rejoicing in the wonder of creation
and anticipating the summer to come;
rejoicing too in the gift of Jesus
as he continues to move towards
Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

So come, celebrate new life –
new life that is found in creation,
and in this season of spring:
in the realisation of the potential put there by
God
and offered to all people in Jesus Christ:
the hope of all, the light of the world.

Introit (Choir): **Psalm 110**

1. The Lord unto my Lord has said,
"Sit here at my right hand
until I make your enemies
submit to your command.
A scepter prospered by the Lord
your mighty hand shall wield;
from Zion you shall rule the world,
and all your foes shall yield.

2. "Your people will be gladly yours
when you arise in might,
like dawning day, like hopeful youth,
with holy beauty bright".

The priesthood of Melchizedek
the Lord has given you;
it shall remain forever more;
God's word is always true.

3."You shall subdue the kings of earth,
with God at your right hand;
the nations you shall rule
in might and judge in every land".
The Lord, refreshed by living streams,
shall neither faint nor fall,
and he shall be the glorious head,
exalted over all.

Welcome followed by Prayer of Approach

Praise: Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
(MP 147)

- 1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
- 2 Praise the Lord, His people, praise Him!
wounded souls His comfort know;
those who fear Him find His mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
- 3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;

spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

- 4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love His laws, declare His judgements,
walk in all His words and ways;
He the Lord and we His children –
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Children's Message

Praise: When we pray, when we worship (SSS 2014 – 102)

When we pray
When we worship
When we love
When we serve
Your Spirit, Lord Jesus
is at work in your Church
helping us follow in your footsteps
making us more like you.

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: O for a closer walk with God (MP 494)
Tune: Martyrdom, CH4 no.552i

- 1 O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.
- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew
when I first saw the Lord?
Where is that soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and His word?
- 3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.
- 4 Return, O holy Dove! return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.
- 5 The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,

and worship only Thee.

6 So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Reading: **Hebrews 5: 5 10**
(p. 1204)

5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

6 And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

7 During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered

9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Reflection: **“The humanity of our High Priest”**

Praise: Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

(Omit v. 4 CH4 445)

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,

his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.'

2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

5 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.'

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name!”Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

29The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Reflection: “Completing our Lenten journey”

Praise: Now the green blade riseth

(CH4 417)

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Chorus:

*Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.*

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had
slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been

Offering followed by Prayer of Dedication

Anthem (Choir): **Rock of ages, cleft for me**

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power

2. Not the labor of my hands

Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3.Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4.While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Church News

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praise: One more step along the world I go (CH4 530)

1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

[Refrain:]

And it's from the old I travel to the new.
keep me travelling along with you.

2 Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. [Refrain]

3 As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: [Refrain]

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: [Refrain]

5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me.
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you: [Refrain]

Benediction and threefold Amen

Church News

The final **Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20 March at 7.45pm**

After Work Dinner Show is this Friday, 23 March 5 pm. Come along and be part of this social event.

The next **Prayer Breakfast** is on **Saturday 24 March at 9.00am** in the Church Hall. To be sure you get fed, let Derek or Irene know if you are coming!

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 Jim Taylor, Helen Tessema, Daniel de Jong and Kwena Koka on their birthdays.

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

What's on the agenda?

Saturday 24 March	9h00	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 25 March	9h15	Bible Study
	10h30	Worship for Palm
	Sunday	

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Erna Booman

Welcome: Lynda & Florestan Peeva & Pam Russell

Crèche: Meriam van der Velden & Chanté Fleming

DeaconsCounting: Ato Cromwell & Evelyn Koomson

Door: Emmanuel AsareAwuku (or replacement)

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
Hospitality: Emma, Elaine & Joanne de Zanger
Flowers: Elsie Chapman

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For the beamer

Summary 11.03.18

Open plate	252.10
Envelopes	294.05
Coffee money	4.76
Sunday school	10.10
Soup Lunch (TBA)
Bank (weekly avg.)	454.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.	368.00
Additional rental avg	<u>322.00</u>
	€ 1,705.10
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Average Weekly expenditure **2,038.00**

Mission Offering MaFlo Foundation € 50

Church News of 18.03.2018 announced by the Elder

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

Molly will say something about the After Work Dinner Show taking place this Friday 23.03.18

Participating in the Good Friday Service 30th March

As in previous years, Rev. Irene Bom will be leading the Good Friday Service on 30 March. The theme this year is "At the crossroads".

If you'd like to take part in the service in the some way and maybe help with the planning and preparation as well, please contact Irene.

See Bob or Irene for details on how to get in touch.

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!