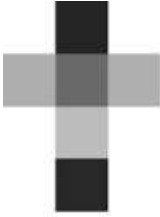


Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the
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Daily Bible Readings:

Monday, April 9:	Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11
Tuesday, April 10:	Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17
Wednesday, April 11:	Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27
Thursday, April 12:	Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25
Friday, April 13:	Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28
Saturday, April 14:	Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30

Next Sunday, 15 April, at 7.30pm



Order of Service for Sunday 8 April 2018

Sunday 8 April 2018 - The 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

“How wonderful it is, how pleasant,
for God’s people to live together in harmony!

**It is like the precious anointing oil
running down from Aaron’s head and beard,
down to the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew on Mount Hermon,
falling on the hills of Zion.

**That is where the Lord has promised his
blessing –
life that never ends.”**

Joyful Singers Procession: **Show the light, the light of
Jesus**

Joyful Singers Introit: **Alive, alive, alive for evermore**

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Praise: As we are gathered, Jesus is here (MP 38)

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here.

Children’s Message

Praise: The Spirit lives to set us free
vv.1-4)

(MP 664,

- 1 The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*

- 2 Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by His call,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .

- 3 He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light;
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .

- 4 We know His death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light;
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - 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: All heaven declares

(MP 14)

- 1 All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever He will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship Him alone.

- 2 I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
For ever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship You alone.

Readings:

1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2

(p.1225)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

4 We write this to make our joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20: 19 - 31

(p.1088)

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon - Part 1

Praise: Come, living God, when least expected
(CH4 609)

1 Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm affection
revealing truths as yet untold.

2 Break from the tomb in which we hide you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.

3 Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame,
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.

4 So, let our minds be sharp to read you
in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbours,
in ardent youth or mellow age.

5 Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.

6 Then we will share his radiant brightness
and, blazing through the dread of night,
illuminate by love and reason,
for those in darkness, faith's delight.

Sermon - Part 2 - concluding with *an Easter Prayer*

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

1. May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race
Refrain:

*Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

2. God will be our Shepherd as we go our way
and will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
we must not forget that God is always there.
Refrain:

Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing:

Up on the mountain top

Prayer of Dedication followed by Church News

Anthem (Joyful Singers): **Let it rise**

Prayers for Others - Elder

Praise: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
(CH4 416)

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3 In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Benediction and three-fold Amen

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is invited to come to the front of the Church
where there will be an opportunity for accompanied
prayer.*

Church News

The Young Adults Christian Fellowship continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.

The Ladies Bible Study meets now on Wednesday evenings - so on 11th April 8pm @ Rev. Irene Bom's. All ladies are welcome, even if you can only come every now and then. Topic: "The fruit of the Spirit".

Service for Wholeness & Healing - next Sunday, 15th April, at 7.30pm. Come along to this important part of our ministry to each other and to the world.

The next **Prayer Breakfast** will be on **Saturday 21st April at 9.00am** in the Church Hall. Please let Derek know if you're coming - just to be sure you are fed (physically!)

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

Church News of 08.04.2018 announced by the Elder

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

Well done to all of you for making it to church despite the road blockages due to the marathon.

Don't use this if the minister has said so during the welcome.

Just to remind you:

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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!