

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the
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Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday, May 7: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:111; 1 Timothy 6:1112
Tuesday, May 8: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:117; 1 Timothy 6:1316
Wednesday, May 9: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1821; Mark 16:1920
Thursday, May 10: Ascension of the Lord – Acts 1:111; Luke 24:4453
Friday, May 11: Psalm 47; Exodus 24:1518; Revelation 1:918
Saturday, May 12: Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:17; John 16:411

Order of Service for Sunday 6 May 2018 The 6th Sunday of Easter

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 6 May 2018 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Come close in this time of worship
to your brother Jesus,
**asking not merely that we sense his love for us
but that our love for him may be strengthened.**
As Jesus loves all of us, help us to love each other.
**Jesus calls us to be his friends;
but he also sends us out to befriend others;**
and so as we gather in worship
enable us to be witnesses to him:
**to bear his light in the world
and to lead others in his way. Amen.**

Introit (Choir): **Sing a new song to the Lord**

(MP 599)

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
He to whom wonders belong
Rejoice in his triumph
O sing to the Lord a new song.

2. Now to the ends of the earth,
see His salvation is shown
and still He remembers
unchanging in love to His own.

3. Sing a new song and rejoice,
publish His praises abroad
let voices in chorus
resound for the joy of the Lord!

4. Join with the hills and the sea,
thunders of praise to prolong;
in judgement and in justice
O sing to the Lord a new song.

Welcome and Prayer of Approach

Praise: My Jesus, my Saviour

(CH4 531)

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the
sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

Children's Message

Praise: It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord (SSS 2014 45 JP 119)

Chorus:

It's me, It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

1. Not my brother or my sister
but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my brother or my sister
but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me ...

2. Not my mother or my father ...

It's me, it's me ...

3. Not my stranger or my neighbour ...

It's me, it's me ...

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: Sing to God new songs of worship (MP 600)

- 1 Sing to God new songs of worship –
all His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
with His hand and holy arm:

He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
to His people Israel.

- 2 Sing to God new songs of worship –
earth has seen His victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising Him with thankfulness:
sound upon the harp His praises,
play to Him with melody;
let the trumpets sound His triumph,
show your joy to God the King!
- 3 Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

Readings:

1 John 5: 1 - 6

(p. 1228)

- 1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.
- 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.
- 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,
- 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.
- 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

John 15: 9 – 17

(p. 1083)

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

17 This is my command: Love each other.

Sermon

Anthem (Choir): **Let there be love shared among us** (MP 411)

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now Your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise:
give us a fresh understanding of brotherly love that is real;
let there be love shared among us, let there be love

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Church News followed by Prayer for Others *Elder*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Praise: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (CH4 666)

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descending,
comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords we now receive him
in the body and the blood,
as he gives to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day
conquers all the powers of darkness,
drives the gloom of hell away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High'.

Prayer followed by The Words of Institution

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 our thanks and praise.

Then later in the prayer, after the words: “

... sing your praises in the angels’ song:”

***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.

Before the Distribution of the Elements, please respond:

Jesus, Lamb of God, ***have mercy on us.***

Jesus, bearer of our sins, ***have mercy on us.***

Jesus, redeemer of the world, ***grant us peace.***

Praise: We sing a love that sets all people free (CH4 622)

1 We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2 We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

4 We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

5 We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

Benediction and Threefold 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.

Derek will be on holiday from 9-22 May, during which time please contact the Consistory Clerk, Bob Hensen regarding any urgent pastoral matter (ph. 06 16 808 505)

Items for inclusion in the next edition of 'The Herald' must be submitted by **Thursday 17 May**.

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

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

Today's Mission Offering: *The Nazareth Trust*

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 13 May 10h30 Worship conducted by Rev Eric Foggitt

Saturday 19 May 9h00 Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 20 May 10h30 Worship conducted by Rev Irene Bom

Who's who Today:

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Summary 15.04.18

Open plate	236.22
Envelopes	519.50
Coffee money	6.45
Sunday school	3.35
Bank (weekly avg.)	454.00
Fixed rental weekly avg.	368.00

Additional rental avg 322.00
€ 1,909.52
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Average Weekly expenditure **2,038.00**

Church News of 06.05.2018 announced by the Elder

The Summer Club will start again soon, please have a look at the Notice Board and register to volunteer your skill to safe and meaningfully entertain our children.

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!