



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

**invites you to our
Service for Wholeness & Healing
18th November 2018**

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Harpist: Annemarie Smith

Welcome

Hymn 734 O Christ, you wept when grief was raw

O Christ, you wept when grief was raw,
and felt for those who mourned a friend;
come close to where we would not be
and hold us numbed by this life's end

The well-loved voice is silent now
and we have much we meant to say;
collect our lost and wandering words
and keep them till the endless day.

We try to hold what is not here
and fear for what we do not know.
Oh, take our hands in yours, good Lord,
and free us to let our friend go.

In all our loneliness and doubt,
beyond what we can realize,
address us from your empty tomb
and tell us that life never ends.

Prayer

Reflection - "The love which heals"

Hymn 718 We cannot measure how you heal

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every
sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and
doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive
to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children
yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings
from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds, are present as if
meant to last.

But present too is love which tends the hurt we
never hope to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt
the mind.

So some have come who need your help and some
have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world are
present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body,

mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain and make your
broken people whole.

Reflection - "For all the saints"

Music for Meditation

Remembering what we believe: Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

A Meditation on Fallen Leaves -

- followed by a musical interlude during which please come forward and lay your leaf on the carpet in front of the communion table in the shape of a cross and, if you wish, light a candle for someone you wish to remember tonight.

Hymn 727 In the bulb there is a flower

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.

Poem - "Tis only we who grieve"

Prayer - including the response:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hymn 565 My life flows on in endless song

1 My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation:
I catch the sweet, though far off, hymn
that hails a new creation.

[Refrain:]

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul --
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord, my Saviour, liveth.
What though the darkness round me close?
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Closing Responses -

May Christ being born anew in our hearts
bring light, healing and wholeness
to us and all our loved ones in this world and in heaven.
**And the saints shall tread the pilgrim road before us,
behind us, between us,
surrounding us with the unbounded love of God our
Creator.**

May God bless us and heal us and hold us in love,
today, tonight, and for evermore. Amen.

Please come down to the hall at the end of the Service
to continue the sharing of the evening
over tea/coffee and goodies.

**The next Evening Service will be a
Service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas
on Sunday 23rd December at 7.30pm.**