

## Order of Service : Lessons & Carols

**Introit: Once in royal David's city** (CH4 315)

Bidding Prayer - concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Bidding Praise (Choir): Merry, merry chiming bells (Fanny Crosby)

*(Note – there will be a short introduction before and a short prayer following each reading and praise will not be announced)*

*First Lesson: Genesis 3 : 8 - 15 (p.5) Erna Booman*

**Praise: Praise to the Holiest in the height** (CH4 378)

*Second Lesson: Genesis 22: 15 - 18 (p.) Stefan Sprangers*

**Praise: O come, O come, Emmanuel** (CH4 273)

*Third Lesson: Isaiah 9 : 2, 6 - 7 (p.) Joanne de Zanger*

**Praise: The holly and the ivy**

1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

*The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Saviour.
3. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.
4. The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,

and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

5. The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.
6. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

*Fourth Lesson: Micah 5 : 2 – 4 (p.)*

*Teun Karreman*

**Praise: Bethlehem, a noble city** (CH4 325)

*Fifth Lesson: Luke 1 : 26 – 35 (p.1026)*

*Jean Galloway*

**Praise: This is the night of his coming to earth**

1. This is the night of his coming to earth:  
Christ in the darkness is waiting his birth.  
All is now ready, and each in their place,  
planets and people, this moment of grace.
2. This is the hour when a mother must wait,  
wait until labour comes, early or late:  
this is the moment the Babe in her womb  
knocks on the door of a carpenter's home.
3. This is the hour when we sinners despair:  
this is the hour when the angels declare  
peace upon earth to all those of goodwill:  
shepherds see gory on Bethlehem's hill.
4. This is the night: let a trumpet be blown!  
Never again shall love wear such a crown!  
This is the hour when our souls find release:  
welcome to him who has come to make peace.

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1 : 18 - 23 (p.) Hank Meldrum

Praise: Of the Father's love begotten (CH4 319)

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2 : 18 – 26 (p.1028) Romina Ciaffi

Praise: While humble shepherds watched their flocks (CH4 296)

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2 : 1 – 11 (p.) Ato Cromwell

Praise: We three kings of Orient are (MP 740)

Ninth Lesson: John 1 : 1 – 14 (p.1063) Rebecca Taylor

Reflection

Offering

Prayer

Anthem (Choir): O children come (Keith & Kristyn Getty)

Benediction and 3-fold Amen

Recessional: Good Christians, all rejoice (CH4 322)

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Don't forget:

Tomorrow at 7.00pm Family Christingle Service

Christmas Day Family Service at 10.30am

Sun 30 Dec - Worship for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 10h30 - Epiphany Service followed by Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

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### Order of Service for our



**Sunday 23 December 2018 at 7.30pm**

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Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Choir conducted by: Anneke Pot

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