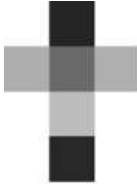


Welcome

to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

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Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, December 30, 2019: Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Tuesday, December 31, 2019: Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday, January 2, 2020: Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12

Friday, January 3, 2020: Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22

Saturday, January 4, 2020: Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31

A Benediction for the New Year

The blessing of the One who was, who is, and who is to
come

be upon you all, redeeming your past,
filling your present, lighting up your future.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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in '*Hay & Stardust*' (Wild Goose Publications)

**ORDER OF SERVICE for Sunday 29 December
2019**

**Sunday 29th December 2019 - 1st Sunday after
Christmas**

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

Come, on this 1st Sunday after Christmas,
to continue your Christmas celebrations,
but also to look to the future with hope:
**to bring God our praise and thanks
for the wonder of his coming to us;**
to put last year behind us –
reflecting on the good and bad that came our way;
**to be inspired and renewed
by the coming of the Christ-child,
Emmanuel, God with us.**

Welcome followed by Prayer for the end of the year

Hymn 161 O God, our help in ages past

Message for the Children

Hymn 359 He came down that we may have love

Prayer of Confession - Elder - and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 325 Bethlehem, a noble city

Reading: **Matthew 2: 13 – 23**
(p. 966)

Hymn 319 Of the Father's love begotten (v.
1,2,3 & 6)

Reflection: *The often-forgotten Joseph*

Hymn: The Innocents (Tune: Noel,
CH4, 303)

1. The soldiers fear the captain's wrath,
the captain fears the king;
the king is scared of who-knows-what,
some new religious thing.
So he commands and they obey
and no-one dares complain
that murder, rape and cruelty
are features of his reign.
2. The children are too young to feel
the fear the adults show,
the horror gnawing at their nerves

which only mothers know.

They hear the hurried, tramping feet,
the snort of bated breath
from those who beat their consciences,
then beat a child to death.

3. He is not there - the one they want.

His father, in a dream,
was warned that Herod's jealousy
would hatch a bloody scheme.
But he who missed the massacre,
when recognised as Lord,
will lacerate both sin and death
with truth, his only sword.

4. It happened then in Bethlehem;

it happens still today
where power demands a sacrifice
to let the powerful stay.
And always mothers cry to God,
for when their children die
through war, abuse or poverty
they rage, demanding 'Why?'

5. O hear them, God, and let them know

that not by your design
do tyrants prey on innocents
while consciences resign.
And turn our minds and hearts and hands

until, through faith and skill,
we leave behind our 'innocence'
and do your holy will.

Reading: **Psalm 148**
(p. 633)

Reflection: *The future of the world*

Hymn 314 **Child in the manger**

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Church News

Hymn 315 **Once in royal David's city**

Closing responses -

Let us go from this time of silence and song to be God's voice:
to speak out for the oppressed of our communities and the world.

Let us go from this time of community to be Jesus' faithful:
to feed the hungry, to visit the sick, to be a friend to prisoners.

Let us go from this sacred space to share the peace of the Spirit:
**to work for reconciliation in our neighbourhoods,
to put an end to violence and death.**

Benediction and 3-fold Amen
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**Next Sunday - 5th January - Worship for Epiphany
including the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

and followed by the Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch
Complete your Christmas celebrations
by coming along to share a time of fellowship!

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 (names only in the printed version in the church)

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

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 5 January 9h15 Journeying Through the Bible

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The Minor Prophets (Part 1)

10h30 Worship for Epiphany – including the
Sacrament of Holy Communion

– followed by Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch

Who's who Today - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Derek Lawson

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Welcome: Jean and Christine Galloway

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Chanté Fleming

Offering & Counting: Fred Booman & Ruud Witte

Door: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Beamer: Jeremiah Ogbomo

Recording: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Family Jardine

Flowers: Christmas Decorations

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