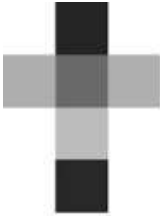


Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Bible Readings for the coming week

- Monday, January 20: Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40
Tuesday, January 21: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4
Wednesday, January 22: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17
Thursday, January 23: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24
Friday, January 24: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10
Saturday, January 25: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32

Thought for the Week

Jesus called his first disciples to follow him.

He is calling you, too.

Follow him and trust him.

(From *Companion to the Lectionary*)

Order of Service for Sunday 19th January 2020

- including Admission of New Members
by Profession of Faith

Sunday 19 January 2020
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Listen to the Psalmist's words:

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

**Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust.**

Introit (Choir): **I waited patiently for the God**
31 Ps. 40)

(CH4)

I waited patiently for God,
for God to hear my prayer;
and God bent down to where I sank
and listened to me there.

God raised me from a miry pit,
from mud and sinking sand,
and set my feet upon a rock
where I can firmly stand.

And on my lips a song was put,
a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel, openeyed,

and put their trust in God.

Great wonders you have done, O Lord,
all purposed for our good:
Unable every one to name,
I bow in gratitude.

Welcome & Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Hymn 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Children's Message

Song: My God is so big
60 JP 169)

(SSS no.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that He cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that He cannot do.

The rivers are His, the mountains are His,
The stars are His handiwork too.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that He cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that He cannot do.

He's called you to live, for Him ev'ry day,
In all that you say and you do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
And He can do all things through you.

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.**

Hymn 465 Be thou my vision

Readings: **Isaiah 49: 1 – 7** (p. 736)

1 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's
womb he has spoken my name.

2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow
of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.

3 He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will
display my splendor."

4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength
for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."

5 And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

7 This is what the LORD says— the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel— to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

John 1: 29 – 42

(p. 1063)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Hymn 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Sermon: "What do people see in you and I?"

Admission by Profession of Faith of Ginelva Enow and Jason Enow,

during which we'll say the **Apostles' Creed** (words at Hy.628)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

**Hymn 502 Take my life, Lord, let it be consecrated,
glad and free**

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem (Choir): **I have decided to follow Jesus** (MP 272)

1. I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back,
no turning back

2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me,
no turning back, no turning back

3. Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
no turning back, no turning back.

4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus,
Will you decide now to follow Jesus,
Will you decide now to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.
No turning back!

Church News

Prayer for Others - Elder

Hymn 352 O for a thousand tongues (Tune 2 – Desert)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

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will be Derek's last Sunday as Minister of the Scots
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At the close of worship on Sunday 2nd February the
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**Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the
9 Members of the Nominating Committee.** It will be
their task to advertise the vacancy, consider applications
and bring to the congregation a Sole Nominee to be your
next Minister.

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

There are no birthdays this week.

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

What's on the agenda?

Wednesday 22 January - Last Date for material for *The Herald*

Sunday 26 January 10h30 Morning Worship

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bridget Teisman

Children's message: Licia Knoester

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Catherine Laverty

Welcome: Silvia Scott & Raneë Damanik

Crèche: Anca Juravle & Chanté Fleming

Offering & Counting: Evelyn Koomson & Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Door: Rizal Sebastian

Beamer: Ricky Lim

Recording: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Marie Chandler & Elsie Chapman

Flowers: Marie Chandler

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Church News of 19.01.2020 read by the Elder

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it and follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front. Please note on our agenda is the following: **See Order of Service.**

I repeat what you can read in the Order of Service:

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The **Wednesday Pilgrims Fellowship Group** continues on
22nd January @ 19:45 at Rev. Irene's
Bergpolderpolderstraat 53a. Further date is 29th
January.