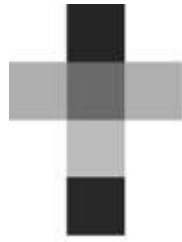


Welcome to the



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Bible Readings for the coming week

Sunday, May 17, 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 18, Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44
Tuesday, May 19: Psalm 93; Deut. 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12
Wednesday, May 20: Psalm 93; Deut. 31:1-13; John 16:16-24
Thursday, May 21: Ascension of the Lord
Friday, May 22, Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7
Saturday, May 23: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

Thought for the Week

'Can we be faithful,
can we articulate the hope that is in us,
but with perseverance and patience,
and in a way that even sceptics might want to hear us again?'
(James C. Howell)

Order of Service for Sunday 17th May 2020

led by the Rev. Irene Bom

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The Service today from SICR (building)

Preacher: Rev. Irene Bom
Elder: Esther Karreman-Abang
Organist: Netty Dijkstra
Church News: Bob Hensen
Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

Sunday 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship (responses in bold)

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.
We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.

Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.
Here the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.
We will tell of the joy and of the love, of the peace and of the hope which is ours.

Welcome

Praise: CH4 595: O breath of life, come sweeping through us

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| 1) O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, revive your Church with life and power; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your Church to meet this hour. | 3) O Breath of Love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your Church in every part. |
| 2) O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need; then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore; for this we plead | 4) Revive us, Lord! is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white? Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your Church to spread the light. |

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Praise: Children's Song SSS2014 No 93: We are a body

We are a body - by Irene Bom

We are a Body, we are a family
We are the Church of Jesus Christ
We are a Body, we are a family
We are the Church of Jesus Christ
We are living stones, we are a temple
For God's Spirit lives in us
Hallelujah, God has made us the Church

Blessing on the children

Prayer of Confession (Elder)
the Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading: Acts 17: 22 - 31

Paul in Athens

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:

“People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.

23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.

25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

29 “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Reflection

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

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

Bible Reading: John 14: 15 – 21

Jesus Promises The Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, keep my commands.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them

Reflection

Praise: CH4 506: All I once held dear

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this:
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours,
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness

Knowing You . . .

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings,
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.

Knowing You . . .

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Church News

Prayer for the People

Praise: CH4 256: May the God of hope go with us

1. May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
*Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*
2. God will be our Shepherd as we go our way
and will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
we must not forget that God is always there.

*verse 1 Spanish traditional
translated Alvin Schutmaat
verse 2 Ann Mitchell*

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be **with** me / Christ **before** me
Christ **behind** me / Christ **within** me
Christ **beneath** me / Christ **above** me
Christ on my **right side** / Christ on my **left side**
Christ in **quiet** / Christ in **danger**
Christ in the **mouth** of a **friend** or a **stranger**

Benediction & Three-Fold Amen

Prayer Request & Pastoral Care

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care
or do you know someone who is?

Please send prayer request to the Prayer Coordinator:
Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit from the Minister or an Elder,
contact your Elder, the Church Office or Rev. Irene Bom

E-mail SICR : info@scotsintchurch.com

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 24th May Online Video Praise & Worship Service,
by the SICR Worship Team

Birthdays

We congratulate Patricia Brown-Cuvulay,
Anthony Evovo and

Rizal Sebastian on their birthday this week.

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

- **Our Treasurer Jim** Taylor cautioned the Consistory on the negative effect of the current lack of Sunday collections and asked the Consistory to encourage members to contribute by Bank Transfer as much as possible.
- We hope that you understand that Jim's message is relevant for us as all, so please send your contribution through your banking app and mention your envelope number if that applies.

This was again an online Praise and Worship Service by SICR. If you would like to join us in reading the Bible or help with the singing etc., contact the Church Office by mail.

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