

Welcome to the



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Bible Readings for the coming week

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Day of Pentecost

Monday June 1, Psm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24
Tuesday June 2, Psm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezk 39:7-8, 21-29; Rom 8:26-27
Wednesday June 3, Psm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39
Thursday June 4, Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a
Friday June 5, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14
Saturday, June 6, Psm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

Thought for the Week

"The variety of geographical areas represented by those present at Pentecost and the Spirit-facilitated communication of the good news in their many languages (Acts 2: 5-13) may not exactly have been a reversal of Babel but they represent the opposite reality of Babel's confusion and fragmentation."

(Angus Morrison)

Order of Service for Sunday 31st May 2020

led by the Rev. Irene Bom

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The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Irene Bom

Elder: Molly Foster

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

Sunday 31st May 2020
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Call to Worship (responses in bold)

Children of God, rejoice and be glad in the Lord your God.
God has given us all that we need!

Praise the name of the Lord.
God has done wonders for us!

Know that the Lord your God is in your midst.
God has poured out his Spirit upon us!
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

Welcome

CH4 616: There's a spirit in the air

<p>1. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: 'Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world!'</p> <p>2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done: God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!</p> <p>3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.</p> <p>4. Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right: God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!</p>	<p>5. When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.</p> <p>6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!</p> <p>7. There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere: praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world</p>
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Opening Prayer

Children's Message

The Spirit lives to set us free

<p>1. The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light; He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light. <i>Walk in the light</i> <i>alk in the light</i> <i>Walk in the light</i> <i>Walk in the light of the Lord.</i></p> <p>2. Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light; the dead were wakened by His call, walk, walk in the light. <i>Walk in the light....</i></p>	<p>3. He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light; to save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light. <i>Walk in the light ...</i></p> <p>4. We know His death was not the end, walk, walk in the light; He gave His Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light. <i>Walk in the light....</i></p>
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Blessing on the children

Prayer of Confession (Elder)
the Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13

- 3** Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.
4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.
5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.
7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,
10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues
11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.
12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.
13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

CH4 615: Holy Spirit, ever living

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving Through her in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ; You we praise with endless worship For thy fruits and gifts unpriced.	Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry; Quickening, strengthening, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul In a fellowship unending, Thee we worship and extol.
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Bible Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 21

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

- 1** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^a as the Spirit enabled them.
5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.
6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.
7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?
8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?
9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”
12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”
13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”
14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!
16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
17 “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

CH4 600: Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

<p><i>Refrain:</i> <i>Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,</i> <i>gentle as is the dove: teach us the</i> <i>truth and help us believe,</i> <i>show us the Saviour's love</i></p> <p>1, You spoke to us - long, long ago gave us the written word; we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard. <i>Refrain</i></p>	<p>2 Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way; we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day <i>Refrain</i></p>
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Bible Reading: **John 7: 37 - 39**

Jesus goes to the Feast of Tabernacles

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Reflection

CH4 771: If you believe and I believe

If you believe and I believe
and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free;
the Holy Spirit must come down
and set God's people free

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Church News

Outcome of Online Consistory meeting of Monday 25th May 25.05.20

The Consistory had an online meeting, hosted by Rizal Sebastian, with almost full attendance. As could be expected, the Consistory considered the current situation of the church amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was decided that 7th and 21st June would be audio Services, while 14th and 28th June would be Live Video streaming.

The Consistory also decided that Sunday 21st June would be a semi-public Service open to not more than 30 by signing up on the SICR Website from 8th till 19th June. *Watch this space for more information!*

Prayers for the People

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
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E-mail SICR : info@scotsintchurch.com

CH4 588: Praise the Spirit in creation

<p>1.Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of god, life's origin: Spirit, moving on the water, forming order deep within , source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.</p> <p>2.Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways: who, in showing us God's wonders, move our hearts to love and praise; and god's will to those who listen, by a still small voice conveys.</p> <p>3.Praise the Spirit, who enlightened priests and prophets with the word; holy truth behind the wisdoms which a yet knew not their Lord; by whose love and power in Jesus, God himself is seen and heard</p>	<p>4.Praise the Spirit sent by Jesus when ascended to his throne who pours out on men and women power for turning upside down all the world and every people as the gospel is made known</p> <p>5.Pray we now, Lord, Holy Spirit, on our lives descend in might let your flame burn bright within us, fire our heart and clear our sight, till, consumed with your compassion, we too set the world alight</p>
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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

Birthdays

We congratulate on their birthday this week:

Ato Cromwell

Hunter Smith

Lina Sebastian

André van der Velden

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

What's On

Sunday 7th June

Praise & Communion Service, led by the Rev. Irene Bom

(our standard Online audio recordings from our church building on the Schiedamsesingel 2)

- **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.

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