

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

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### Daily Bible Readings for the coming week

Blessing - Psalms 67, 72

Blessing - Psalms 84, 128

Calling to God - Psalms 4, 5

Calling to God - Psalms 22

Confidence - Psalms 27, 36

### Thought for the Week

"This little domestic tale - the book of Ruth is a story of God's *hesed*, God's faithfulness, God's covenant love, lived out in the lives of everyday ordinary human beings, much like you and me."

(Kathryn M. Schifferdecker)

## **Order of Service for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 led by the Rev. Irene Bom**

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### The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Irene Bom

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Music in Worship: Margriet van Overbeeke

Welcoming: Teun Karreman & Lianne Buitendijk

Beamer; Jeremiah Ogbomo

Collection & Counting: Mavis Fleming & Evelyn Koomson

Door: James Essel

Registration & Seat allocation: Bob Hensen

Sound & Recording: Stanley Murithi

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate  
the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**Throughout all our lives,  
God has blessed us with love and hope.**

Praise be to God who provides for us.

**May our hearts be truly grateful,  
and may we show our gratitude  
by how we live and care for others.**

Hallelujah!

**Amen.**

## WELCOME

Praise CH4 197 (MP38): As we are gathered (humming)

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,  
one with each other, Jesus is here;  
joined by the Spirit, washed in His blood,  
part of the body, the Church of God.

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OPENING PRAYER (with Lord's Prayer)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **Praise MP 54: Bind us together, Lord (chorus only)**

<i>Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken; bind us together, Lord, bind us together, O bind us together with love</i>	2 Made for the glory of God, purchased by His precious Son. Born with the right to be clean, for Jesus the victory has won. <i>Bind us together . . .</i>
1 There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one body – that is why we sing: <i>Bind us together . . .</i>	3 You are the family of God, You are the promise divine, You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. <i>Bind us together . . .</i>

## BLESSING ON THE CHILDREN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## BIBLE READING: Ruth 1:1-22

### [Naomi Loses Her Husband and Sons](#)

**1** In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.

**2** The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

**3** Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons.

**4** They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years,

5 both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

**Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem**

6 When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.

7 With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me.

9 May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud

10 and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands?

12 Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—

13 would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

15 "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

19 So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

20 "Don't call me Naomi, " she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.

21 I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me."

22 So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

**BIBLE READING: Matthew 5:3-9**

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

REFLECTION

**Praise CH 691: Be still, my soul - v. 1 and 2 (humming)**

<p>1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.</p>	<p>2 Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he lived below</p> <p>Tune:FINLANDIA</p>
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OFFERING & DEDICATION

**Bank account : NL62 RABO 0373741006  
ING bank a/c no : NL17 INGB 0000 175187**

Summary for 28/6/2020			Summary for 17/5/2020		
Open plate via bank		120.00	Open plate		90.00
Envelopes via bank		700.00	Envelopes		370.00
Coffee money	n/a	0.00	Coffee money	n/a	0.00
Sunday School	n/a	0.00	Sunday School	n/a	0.00
Bank (Weekly Avg.)		€582.00	Bank (Weekly Avg.)		€587.00
Fixed Rental (Weekly Avg.)		€158.00	Fixed Rental (Weekly Avg.)		€105.00
Additional Rents (Est. Weekly Avg)		€55.00	Additional Rents (Est. Weekly Avg)		€30.00
		€1,615.00			€1,182.00
Average Weekly Expenditure		€1,370.00	Average Weekly Expenditure		€1,529.00
Surplus/Deficit		€245.00	Shortfall		-€347.00

CHURCH NEWS ( pls. see page 5)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (elder)

**MP 132: Father hear the prayer we offer (humming**

1	Father, hear the prayer we offer: not for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength, that we may ever live our lives courageously.	4	Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be Thou at our side.
2	Not for ever in green pastures do we ask our way to be: but by steep and rugged pathways would we strive to climb to Thee.	5	Let our path be bright or dreary, storm or sunshine be our share; may our souls, in hope unwearied, make Thy work our ceaseless prayer
3	Not for ever by still waters would we idly quiet stay; but would smite the living fountains		

**St. Patrick's Breastplate**

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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 and 3-fold Amen*

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](mailto: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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## What's on

Sunday evenings new study programme "Exploring the Psalms" first online **get-together** is on Sunday, 5 July at 8pm, via zoom. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/2313008055> [Password: 603796]

Sunday 12 July: Worship led by the Rev. Irene Bom.

Sunday 19 July: Worship led by the Rev. Irene Bom.

Sunday 26 July: Worship led by Rev. Jan Steyn

Sunday 26 July: Annual General Meeting in the Sanctuary after the service

### **Future Services Under the Current Restrictions,**

Although registration for services is not obligatory, it is however recommended for members, while visitors will be required to register on arrival, providing the necessary/essential particulars.

Due to the 1.5m Social Distancing, the capacity of our church Sanctuary is at present reduced from 250 to 80 persons.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL**

Version 1.1 approved by Consistory 22 June 2020

#### **INTRODUCTION**

With the easing of restrictions we can plan to have limited live services attended by up to 30 in June and up to 100 from July, provided the premises can be configured to enforce social distancing. All other guidance from the government remains in place and should be adhered to. The rules are designed to protect each other from a virus that can reproduce in others, while the victim has no symptoms and shows no outward signs.

The strategy of this protocol is to prepare the environment, cleanse hands on entry, enforce social distancing and clean after departure. If everyone strictly obeys the distancing rules there should be no need to make masks compulsory.

The width of passageways, stairs and aisles do not allow free movement in the church. To maximize our capacity safely, and get near the limit allowed by government regulation, alternate pews have been blocked off and a one way system introduced. Guests will be directed to the side aisles and pews will be occupied in sequence from the front to rear, with a maximum of 5 persons per pew depending on the size of the household groups. After a pew is occupied people will normally be seated next to the aisles which means that no one can walk in the aisles without violating the 1.5 distance. A few designated mobility/medical positions have therefore been created at the back to allow limited entry and departure during the service. Departure will be in sequence starting from the rear pews and leaving by the side aisles and directed to different exit doors.

#### **Registration**

It is advised that churches record all attendees to ensure compliance with capacity and to give immediate information to GGD in the event of someone testing positive with the virus. Registration will be through a web application from which it is hoped to print a standardised presentation list to be checked on entry. Online registration will be encouraged as it will save time when people arrive, and give an accurate indication of attendance. If there is spare capacity available for unexpected non registered guests they must be added to the list with the same information.

For tracking and tracing purposes the final presentation list has to be kept securely for 2 months, after which it will be destroyed to comply with data protection rules.

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