

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

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### Daily Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday 03.08.20: Rejoicing: Psalms 30 & 47

Tuesday 04.08.20: Rejoicing: Psalm 97

Wednesday 05.08.20: Righteousness: Psalms 1, 15 & 112

Thursday 06.08.20: Sin & Repentance: Psalms 25 & 32

Friday 07.08.20: Sin & Repentance: Psalm 38 & 51

### **Thought for the Week**

"God intended for Ruth to be a part of the story  
of the lineage of King David.

So, He pulled together events such as the famine,  
Naomi's relocation to Moab, their return to Bethlehem,  
Boaz's bloodline, and many other events  
just to ensure that Ruth could be a part of His plan."

(Yehuda Lave)

## **Order of Service for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**led by the Rev. Irene Bom**

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### **The Service Today**

Preacher: Rev. Irene Bom

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Music in Worship: Netty Dijkstra & Margriet van Overbeeke

Bible Reader: Dennis Acquaye

Welcoming: Raneé Damanik & Steve Russell

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

Broadcasting & Recording: Azmi Wahab

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 105)

Come, let's give thanks to God together,  
**for our God always keeps His promises!**

Let's sing songs and make music together,  
**for our God always keeps His promises!**

Let's watch for signs of His presence among us,  
**for our God always keeps His promises!**

Let's remember all the wonderful things He had done,  
**for our God always keeps His promises!**

*Welcome*

### Praise CH4 153: Great is thy faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.	2 Summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
[Refrain:] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided -- great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me	3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

*Opening Prayer  
the Lord's Prayer*

*Children's Message*

### Praise CH4 178: God is good

<i>God is good - we sing and shout it God is good - we celebrate God is good - no more we doubt it God is good - we know it's true</i>	And when I think of His love for me My heart fills with praise And I feel like dancing For in his heart there is room for me And I run with arms open wide.. <i>God is good</i>
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*Blessing on the children*

*Prayer of Confession*

### Bible Reading: Ruth 4: 1 – 22

#### **Boaz Marries Ruth**

**1** Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there. When the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down.

**2** Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so.

**3** Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek.

**4** I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.” “I will redeem it,” he said.

**5** Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man’s widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.”

**6** At this, the guardian-redeemer said, “Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.”

**7** (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.)

**8** So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it yourself.” And he removed his sandal.

**9** Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon.

**10** I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon’s widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!”

**11** Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

**12** Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

**13** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

**14** The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!

**15** He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”

**16** Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.

**17** The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### **The Genealogy of David**

**18** This, then, is the family line of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron,

**19** Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab,

**20** Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

**21** Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed,

**22** Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

## **Music in Worship**

### **Bible Reading: Luke 1: 46 – 55**

#### **Mary’s Song**

**46** And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord

**47** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**48** for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

**49** for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

**50** His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

**51** He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

**52** He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

**53** He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

**54** He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

**55** to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.

## **Reflection**

## Praise CH4 774: Jesus, name above all name

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord;  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessèd Redeemer, living Word.

### Offering & Dedication

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

Church News (see page 4 & 5-6)

Prayers of the People: (Elder on Duty)

### Praise CH4 555: Amazing grace

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.	3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!	4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

### 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*

### 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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### Birthdays

We congratulate on their birthdays this week:

Mary Tataw,  
Wistaria Cairo  
Virginia Hendriks

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

### What's On & Church News

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

## **Next Sunday 9th August**

Worship Service will be led by the Rev. Joost Pot

## **Last Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Thanks to all who attended the Worship Service and the AGM (Annual General Meeting)**

*Many thanks to Ato Cromwell, Mavis Fleming & Bob Hensen who completed their terms of eldership which is usually 12 years, and so according to the policy of the Church of Scotland stepped down. They will however continue to serve our church in various ways such as counting, door duties etc., plus Bob will continue as Clerk to the Consistory. (The yearly AGM was scheduled for March 22 but unfortunately was cancelled).*

*We sincerely thank Elder Rizal Sebastian for his commitment to our church and especially the organizing and ministering of several worship services.*

*"The combination of the eldership responsibilities and a highly demanding professional job has become harder and harder to cope with, especially since much more thinking, effort and improvisation are required in all aspects during the current corona time.*

*Rizal requested and was given permission to step down as Elder and Convener of the Worship & Nurture Team."*

## **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.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL**

Version 1.1 approved by Consistory 22 June 2020

### **INTRODUCTION**

With the easing of restrictions services can be attended by up to 100, 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.

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## **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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