

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Daily Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday 17.08.20: Prayer: Psalm 102
Tuesday 18.08.20: Protection: Psalm 59 & 62
Wednesday 19.08.20: Protection: Psalm 124
Thursday 20.08.20: Safety in God: Psalms 11 & 16
Friday 21.08.20: Safety in God: Psalm 46 & 142

Thought for this Week

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment,
before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank

Order of Service for Sunday 16th August 2020 led by Bob Hensen & Frieda Enow members of the Worship Team

The Service Today

Bob Hensen reading:

*(A Reflection of The Right Reverend Dr Martin Fair
Moderator of the General Assembly of
the Church of Scotland)*

Elder Frieda Enow

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Music in Worship: Irene Bom & Margriet van Overbeeke

Vocalist: Raneé Damanik

Bible Reader: Bob Hensen

Collection & Counting: Mavis Fleming

Beamer: Daniël de Jong

Door: Fred Booman

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

Sunday 16th August 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 139)

You have searched me Lord, and you know me,
You know when I sit and when I rise,

You discern my going out and my lying down,
You are familiar with all my ways,

Before a word is on my tongue, You, know it completely,
You hem me in behind and before,

And you lay your hand upon me, Amen and amen.

Welcome

MP 600/CH4 173: Sing to God new Songs of worship

1 Sing to God new songs of worship all His deeds are marvellous; He has brought salvation to us with His hand and holy arm: He has shown to all the nations righteousness and saving power; He recalled His truth and mercy to His people Israel.	2 Sing to God new songs of worship earth has seen His victory; let the lands of earth be joyful praising Him with thankfulness: sound upon the harp His praises, play to Him with melody; let the trumpets sound His triumph, show your joy to God the King!	3 Sing to God new songs of worship let the sea now make a noise; all on earth and in the waters sound your praises to the Lord: let the hills be joyful together, let the rivers clap their hands, for with righteousness and justice He will come to judge the earth.
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Opening Prayer

Children's Message

MP 501 / CH4 692: Jesus put this song into my heart

1 Jesus put this song into our hearts, Jesus put this song into our hearts; it's a song of joy no-one can take away. Jesus put this song into our hearts.	3 Jesus taught us how to be a family, Jesus taught us how to be a family; loving one another with the love that He gives – Jesus taught us how to be a family.
2 Jesus taught us how to live in harmony, Jesus taught us how to live in harmony; different faces, different races, He made us one - Jesus taught us how to live in harmony	4 Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing, Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing, changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy – Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance

Blessing on the children

*Prayer of Confession
the Lord's Prayer*

**Bible Reading:
John 1: 1 – 18**

The Word Became Flesh

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
- 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
- 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
- 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
- 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
- 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ")
- 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.
- 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Music in Worship

(Irene & Margriet)

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Made Alive in Christ

- 1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
- 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
- 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.
- 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
- 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
- 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
- 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
- 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.
- 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do

A Reflection of Rt Rev. Dr Martin Fair

read by: Bob Hensen

CH4 463: Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, Oh thou, of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.	3 Fair is the sunshine; Fairer still the moonlight And fair the twinkling starry host Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the stars that heaven can boast
2 Fair are the meadows Fairer still the woodlands robed in the verdure and bloom of spring Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing	

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Dedication

Church News (see page 5 and 6)

Prayers of the People read by:
Frieda Enow

**A Prayer of the Very Rev. Dr Susan Brown,
convener of Faith Impact Forum**

CH4 285: God is working his purpose out

<p>1 God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year: God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near; nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.</p> <p>2 From farthest east to farthest west, where human feet have trod, by the voice of many messengers goes forth the voice of God: 'Give ear to me, you continents, you islands give ear to me, that earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.'</p>	<p>3 Let us go forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled, that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world: let us all fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free, that earth may be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.</p> <p>4 All that we do can have no worth, unless God bless the deed; vainly we hope for the harvest-tide, till God gives life to the seed; yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea</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**

MP 464 Sung Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Alternative words

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

irene.bom@xs4all.nl - tel.:06 5257 6892

E-mail SICR : info@scotsintchurch.com

Birthdays

We congratulate on their birthdays this week:

Jean Galloway
Beverly Bouwman
David Dziworshie
Evert Dorn

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

What's On & Church News

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Bob Hensen and Frieda Enow of the Worship Team for leading us in worship today.

Whats On

Sunday 23rd August Worship Service led Rev. Irene Bom

Sunday 30th August Worship led by Rev. Eric Foggitt

Sunday evenings: Exploring the Psalms:

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

New Interim Moderator

Elder Ruud Witte (also our Presbytery elder) informed us during the announcement last week

Sunday 2nd August that Rev. Jan Steyn is no longer our interim moderator.

The Rev. Lance Stone minister of our sister Church of Scotland in Amsterdam ERCA (English Reformed Church Amsterdam) has been appointed our new interim moderator.

He will further guide the Nominating Committee in our search for a new Minister. Many thanks and

God Bless to Rev. Jan Steyn for his services, personal concern and dedication to our congregation.

We therefore say welcome Rev. Dr Lance Stone, and looking forward to seeing you shortly in SICR.

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.

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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