

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	24.08.20: Justice of God - Psalms 7
Tuesday	25.08.20: Justice of God - Psalms 26, 82
Wednesday	26.08.20: Mercy - Psalms 13, 28
Thursday	27.08.20: Mercy - Psalms 86
Friday	28.08.20: Music - Psalms 66

Thought for the Week

"Ruth ... was a Gentile,
who from the beginning to the end of her story was a saint.
She exhibits faith, love, commitment, intelligence and courage.
Without her, David would not have been born."

(Kenneth E. Bailey)

Order of Service for Sunday 23rd August 2020

led by Locum the Rev. Irene Bom

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The Service Today

Preacher Rev. Irene Bom

Elder Ruud Witte

Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom

Accompanying singing by guitar, recorder & soloists

Music in Worship: Irene Bom & Margriet van Overbeeke

Vocalist: Raneé Damanik

Bible Reader: Ruud Witte

Beamer: Ricky Lim

Welcoming: Lianne Buitendijk & Margriet van Overbeeke

Door: Peace Acquah

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

23 August 2020 - SICR

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

The Lord of hosts is with us!

The God of Jacob is our fortress!

WELCOME

Praise CH4 192: All my hope on God is founded (tune MICHAEL)

1 All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he will renew; safe through change and chance he guides me, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.	3 God's great goodness lasts for ever, deep his wisdom passing thought: splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.	5 Still from earth to God in heaven sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall
2 Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.	4 Day by day the mighty Giver showers gifts on us below; his desire our souls delight in, pleasure leads us where we go. See love stand at his hand, joy awaits at his command!	

OPENING PRAYER (with Lord's Prayer)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Irene)

Praise Song: When we sing the psalms

When we sing the psalms
we learn what it means to be God's people
When we sing the psalms
we are praying
When we sing the psalms
we sing the songs that Jesus sang
Sing Hallelujah! Sing the psalms
Praise God's name!

BLESSING ON THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (elder)

BIBLE READING: Psalm 103:1-18

1 Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: 8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; 14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. 15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— 18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 8:5-13

The Faith of the Centurion

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." 7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" 8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

Song: Ruth to Naomi / You can lean on me (Irene)

REFLECTION

Song: These are the words of the First and Last

**Refrain) These are the words of the First and Last
The one who came, who died, who rose again
These are the words and the words are true
These are the words of Jesus to you.**

**These are the words of the First and Last
The one who came, who died, who rose again
These are the words and the words are true
These are the words of Jesus to you.**

1.) I know, I know, what you're going through
I know, I know, 'cause I've been there too
And be sure my love will carry you
All the way, all the way through

2.) Fear not, fear not, there's no need to fear
Fear not, fear not, because I am here
And be sure my love will keep you strong
Every day, all the day long

OFFERING & DEDICATION

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CHURCH NEWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Irene)

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

CH4 256: May the God of hope go with us

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.

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

Refrain:

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.

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

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

E-mail SICR : info@scotsintchurch.com

Birthdays

We congratulate on their birthdays this week:

Daniël Opong-Sarfo,

Solomon Stifanos

Max Ferdinandus

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

What's On & Church News

Whats On

Sunday 30th August Worship led by Rev. Eric Foggitt

Sunday 6th September Rev. Jan Steyn ??

Sunday 13th September led by Rev. Irene Bom

Sunday 20th September to be announced

Sunday 27th September Rev. Jacob (Jaap) Theunisz

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]

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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