

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
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Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 40 of 2020

Monday 28.09	Psalm 42, Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14
Tuesday 29.09	Psalm 42, Ex. 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21
Wednesday 30.09	Psalm 42, Ex. 19:9b-25; Mat. 9:2-8
Thursday 01.10	Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Coloss. 2:16-23
Friday 02.10:	Psalm 19, Ex. 23:14-19; Philip 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
Saturday 03.10	Psalm 19, Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52

Thought for the Week

"When you desire something too much,
you will immediately become ill at ease.
A proud and avaricious person never rests.
But when you are poor and humble of heart,
you will live in a world of peace

(The imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis)

Order of Service for Sunday 27th September 2020 led by Minister Jacob Theunisz

The Service Today

Preacher: Minister Jacob Theunisz

Elder: Frieda Enow

Children's message: Minister Jacob Theunisz

Organist: Marco de Keizer

Bible Reader: Minister Jacob Theunisz – N.T.

Frieda Enow - O.T.

Counting: Molly Foster & Esther Karreman-Abang

Welcoming: Steve & Pam Russell

Beamer: Ricky Lim

Broadcasting & Recording: Edwin Teisman

Sunday 27th September 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Ps. 87)

In the sight of our ancestors God has worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Therefore let us come before Him with praise,
Let us follow Christ and live by the Spirit.

Welcome & Introduction

CH4: 103: Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children--
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Opening Prayer the Lord's Prayer

Children's Message by Minst. Jacob Theunis

Praise Song: SSS2014 no. 31: Help us care

Music: A. Sevison Lyrics: Irene Bom

1. Help us care for the earth that you gave us
Help us care for the earth, we pray
Help us care for the earth that you gave us
It's important and that's why we pray

2. Help us care for the people around us
Help us care for them all, we pray
Help us care for the people around us
It's important and that's why we pray.

CHORUS:

Help us care, Lord, Help us care, Lord
Help us care for all that you have made.
Help us care, Lord, Help us care, Lord
Help us care for all that you have made

(Repeat Chorus)

Blessing on the children

Prayer of Confession (Elder)

Bible Reading: Ex. 17: 1 - 7

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"
 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"
 4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."
 5 The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.
 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Praise CH4: 641: Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia. <i>alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find; knock and the door shall be opened up to you. Allelu, alleluia.	3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia
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Gospel Reading: Mt. 21: 23 - 32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

24 Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

25 John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'"

26 But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

27 So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

28 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

29 " 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Sermon

Praise CH4: 644: verses 1, 3, 4 - O Jesus, I have promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; be now and always near me, my master and my friend: I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, not wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.	3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.	4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end: now give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.
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Offering & Dedication

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Prayer for the People:

Prasie CH4: 192: verses 1, 2, 5 - All my hope in God is founded

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.

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.

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

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
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What's On & Church News

Whats On

Sunday 4th October Worship Service Rev. Dr. Kleber Machado

Originally from Brazil *Rev. Dr. Kleber Machado* was a minister of a church of Dutch migrants, who emigrated to Brazil in the 50's. He moved to the Netherlands to do his PhD at the VU Amsterdam and lived in Rotterdam during this period, not far from the SCIR, at Schepenstraat. He said he used to go to the SCIR once a month when Robert was minister. In 2011 he transferred to the Church of Scotland and moved to UK. After a familiarisation period in Glasgow he was for 7 years minister in Corby in the Presbytery of England and now again back to Presbytery of Glasgow since November last year. He was a member of World Mission Council and supervised the Church of Scotland projects in Africa.

Rev Machado says he is looking forward to leading the **services in October** but due to the Scottish government Covid-19 restrictions policies we at SICR should have a plan B (backup) as well.

Rev. Graham Austin (currently the minister of Cleland l/w St Marks, Church of Scotland in Wishaw, UK)

After preaching at our church on Sunday 13th September about FORGIVENESS the Rev. Graham Austin was unanimously elected by our congregation as our new Minister.

It is foreseen that he will be inducted by the International Presbytery on Friday evening 30th October at SICR and conduct his first Service as our minister on Sunday 1st November.

More info. will shortly be provided by our Presbytery elder Ruud Witte and the Rev. Irene Bom.



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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