



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

May the Lord bless you as we worship together.

Sunday 9 May 2021



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Online Services only

For the time being the SICR services will be available online. Go to the church website at www.scotsintchurch.com and click on KERKDIENTST GEMIST

Something to pray

Go, as did those first disciples, and followers of Jesus, to share the message of God's love with all those you meet; with family, friends and strangers.

Go, bearing the responsibility as one of Jesus' followers today.

Go in love, go in joy, go in hope, go in peace.

Go, bearing the fruits of knowing your God.

Go knowing you are loved and embraced by our loving God.
Amen.

Something to ponder

The above picture is of a vine and its fruit.

This image fills John 15 as Jesus talks about himself as the vine and we as the branches. Our purpose to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. In what areas of our life to we need to grow more as disciples?

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Grace Amoanyi Fosu and Mavis Etienne-Massicott on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

Thank you for your giving

These are difficult times for many, so please don't feel obliged to contribute if you are not able. For those who are able to contribute, thank you for your offering. The church bank details are:
NL62 RABO 0373741006
or NL17 INGB 0000 175187



Thought for the Day by Facebook and WhatsApp

If you would like a Daily Devotion by mobile phone, then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641



Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 10	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday 11	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-18
Wednesday 12	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20
Thursday 13	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday 14	Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday 15	Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: See what love has been given to us,
that we should be called children of God.

*People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh,
and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.*

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech
but in deed and in truth.

*People: Because we love one another,
we know that we have passed from death into life.*

All: This is the victory that overcomes the world,
through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, Ruth Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.44.

CH4 147 (vs 1, 2, 5, 7)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!

Bright brother sun with golden beams,
clear sister moon with softer gleams,
 *O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Swift rushing winds, so wild and strong,
high clouds that sail in heavens along.
 O praise him, alleluia!

New-breaking morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of evening, find a voice:
 *O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

5. And all who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
 O praise him, alleluia!

All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and cast on him your care:
 *O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
 O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
 *O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen

Children's Talk: 'What does love look like?'

CH4 563

1. Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
 *Yes! Jesus loves me!
 Yes! Jesus loves me!
 Yes! Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.*

2. Jesus loves me! this I know,
he loved children long ago;
he can always make me glad,
even when I am feeling sad.
 *Yes! Jesus loves me!
 Yes! Jesus loves me!
 Yes! Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.*

3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
he will always be my friend, and his love will never end.

Yes, Jesus loves me,...Anna

Bartlett Warner (1820-1915)

Bible Reading: John 15:9-17

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

CH4 580 (vs 1, 3, 4, 5)

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| <p>1. Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail
and comforts flee,
help of the helpless,
O abide with me.</p> <p>3. I need Thy presence
every passing hour;
what but Thy grace
can foil the tempter’s power?
Who like Thyself
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.</p> | <p>4. I fear no foe
with Thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
if Thou abide with me.</p> <p>5. Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom
and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks,
and earth’s vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me.
<small>Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)</small></p> |
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Sermon: ‘Remaining Love’

We give our offerings to God for the Church and the Mission Offering
EMMS -The Nazareth Trust
As we listen to ‘This is my will’

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| <p>1 ‘This is my will, my new command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.</p> <p>2. There is no greater love than this:
to lay your life down for your friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I commanded you to do.</p> <p>5. All that you ask the Father now
for my name’s sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.’
<small>James Quinn © Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd</small></p> | <p>3. I call you servants now no more;
no servant knows his lord’s full mind.
I call you friends, for I’ve told you
all I have heard my Father say.</p> <p>4. You did not choose me: I chose you,
appointed you, and chose you all,
each one to go and bear much fruit,
fruit that will last beyond all time.</p> |
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Dedication of Offerings and Prayers for Others: (Elder)

CH4 547

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven (1819-1886)

Benediction & Three-fold Amen



Someone to call

Even though we cannot have our usual chat after the Sunday services we can still contact our church family by phone, and remember, calling via internet can be free of charge. If you don't have someone's phone number, then email the church office on:
info@scotsintchurch.com or call Bob/Molly (0625 538 320) our church office volunteers and they will figure out for you how you can acquire the required number.

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Would you like the minister to phone you? Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM though the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

The **SICR AGM** is postponed until further notice.

The Service Today

Minister: Rev Graham Austin
 Elder: Bridget Teisman
 Organist: Jan Hendrick v.d. Kamp
 Children's message: Graham Austin
 Vocalist: Raneë Damanik
 Bible Reader: Bob Hensen
 Beamer & Live Streaming: Anthony & Daniël
 Flowers: Annemarie Smith
 Flower arrangement: Bridget Teisman

Up coming Services		
Date	Sermon	Reading
May 16	Jesus' prayer	John 17:6-19
May 23	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21
May 30	'Night Call'	John 3:1-17

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