



**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 23 May 2021**

**Today is Pentecost**

**The day the Holy Spirit descended  
on the first disciples.  
May we know the fire of the Holy  
Spirit's presence and the wind of  
transformation as the Spirit  
empowers us to speak to the Gospel  
in word and action.**

**Online Services only**

For the time being the SICR services  
will be available online. Go to the church  
website at  
[www.scotsintchurch.com](http://www.scotsintchurch.com)  
and click on KERKDIENTST GEMIST

**Sing and Study Bible Study**

6 Zoom studies on Romans 8 beginning on  
**Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm.**

To participate and receive a Zoom link  
please contact the church either through  
Facebook, Whatsapp or email—contact  
details on the back page.



**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



**Something to Pray**

Almighty God, you have given us  
such wonderful gifts;  
you have inspired us and moved us,  
challenged and changed us;  
you have loved and supported  
and cared and upheld us.  
Send us out like living flames  
and comforting winds  
to move among our family, friends  
and neighbours.  
Send us out with the gift of your Holy Spirit  
and the truth of the risen  
and ascended Jesus.  
Amen.

**Something to Celebrate**

This week we congratulate Ladislav Brhel,  
Anita Ouweleen, Nnenna Koka and  
Fred Booman 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

**Daily Devotional Readings**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Monday 24</b>    | <b>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday 25</b>   | <b>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 26</b> | <b>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23</b>         |
| <b>Thursday 27</b>  | <b>Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8</b>                  |
| <b>Friday 28</b>    | <b>Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11</b>                        |
| <b>Saturday 29</b>  | <b>Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27</b>               |

## Welcome

### *Call to worship - Psalm 104:31-33*

*May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

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1. Holy Spirit we welcome you  
Holy Spirit we welcome you  
move among us with holy fire  
as we lay aside all earthly desire  
hands reach out and our hearts aspire  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Holy Spirit we welcome you

2. Holy Spirit we welcome you  
Holy Spirit we welcome you  
let the breeze of Your presence blow  
that Your children here might truly know  
how to move in the Spirit's flow  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Holy Spirit we welcome you

3. Holy Spirit we welcome you, Holy Spirit we welcome you  
please accomplish in us today  
some new work of loving grace we pray  
unreservedly have Your way  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit we welcome you  
Chris Bowater © 1986 Sovereign Lifestyle Music

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

Children's Talk: Graham Austin

*Shine! From the inside out,  
That the world will see  
You live in me. (x2)  
You know me and You love me,  
You fill me, so send me to ....*

*Shine! From the inside out...*  
Know me, love me, fill me, send me; (x3)  
Shine!  
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Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-11

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

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1. Come down, O Love Divine,  
seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with  
your own ardour glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it,  
your holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes,  
in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power  
of human telling;  
we cannot guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.  
Bianco de Suená (b. 1434)

**Bible Reading: Acts 2:12-21**

12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**Sermon: 'Pentecost'**

*Vibrant Spirit alive within us  
Set us on fire, on fire  
Set us on fire with the power of love  
Vibrant Spirit alive within us  
Set us on fire with the power of love*

1. Burn away all our bitter regrets  
Burn away all our pride  
Burn away all the things  
that come between us  
Burn away selfish desires  
*Vibrant Spirit ....*

2. Fill us with wisdom, patience and peace  
Fill us with joy and hope  
Fill us with grace  
and love for one another  
Fill us with passion to grow  
*Vibrant Spirit ....*  
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**We give our offerings to God for the Church and the Mission Offering  
'The 'EMMS - The Nazareth Trust' as we listen to 'Spirit of God, come dwell within me'**

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1. Spirit of God, come dwell within me.  
Open my heart, Oh, come set me free.  
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord.  
O fill me with living water.

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.  
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.  
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,  
and rising to save his people.*

2. Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak.  
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.  
Lord, you are life and love and hope,  
come fill me with living water.  
*Jesus is living, Jesus is here....*

3. Lord, I am blind, my Lord, I can't see.  
Stretch our your hand, bring comfort to me.  
Lead me your way in light and in truth,  
come, fill me with living water.  
*Jesus is living, Jesus is here....*  
Helen Kennedy © St Mungo Music

**Dedication of Offerings and Prayers for Others: (Elder)**

1. The Church is wherever God's people are praising, knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord. The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

2. The Church is wherever God's people are loving, where all are forgiven and start once again, where all are accepted, whatever their background, whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3. The Church is wherever God's people are seeking to reach out and touch folk wherever they are – conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort, to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4. The Church is wherever God's people are praising, knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord. The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

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**Benediction & Three-fold Amen**



Keep in touch by phone email text letter

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](mailto: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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

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

| <b>Up coming Services</b> |                       |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Date                      | Sermon                | Reading         |
| May 30                    | 'Night Call'          | John 3:1-17     |
| June 6                    | 'a building from God' | 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1 |
| June 13                   | TBA                   | 2 Cor. 5:6-17   |

The Service Today

Minister: Rev Graham Austin  
 Elder: Ruud Witte  
 Organist: Gertine Hoefnagel  
 Children's message: Graham Austin  
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