



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 21st November 2021

OPEN DOOR AFTERNOONS

The SICR is open on Fridays 1.30pm to 4pm.
Come and enjoy a refreshment and a chat

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Meriam on her birthday. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

In-person services

Welcome, if you are in church today for the in-person services. The number has been increased to 60 plus helpers. We would ask that you register through the church website to ensure a place on Sunday. Please follow the various instructions in place for your safety.

If you have issues registering contact the minister or church office. Thank you.

Live stream Services

Go to the church website at www.scotsintchurch.com and click on KERKDIENT GEMIST



Our special Mission Offering for November is for Sint voor Kint. Its for Rotterdam children who grow up in poverty, so that they too can receive a present with Sin-

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 Service today

will be taken by the

SICR Youth Fellowship

We are thinking about
'#newbeginnings'

Upcoming services

12th December - **Sunday School**
Nativity Service
25th December - **Christmas Day**

Christmas is coming

It will soon be time for Christmas songs and carols. What is your favourite? Get in touch to let us know and we will try to make sure that your choice will be included in the upcoming

Advent Season which is entitled

Active Advent

Waiting Longing Hoping Praying

Zoom Bible Studies

Starting Wednesday 24 November 2021
At 7.30pm

Please use the contact details at the back of the Order of Service to register for the Zoom link.



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 22	Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14
Tuesday 23	Psalm 63; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19
Wednesday 24	Psalm 63; 2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33
Thursday 25	Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Friday 26	Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Saturday 27	Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24

Welcome

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness.
By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path,
nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. (Nehemiah 9:19)

Introducing the theme by Matthew

Prayer of Approach "Awaken me Lord" (David Adam P7)

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1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
*Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.*

2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference
as faith and hope are born again.
*Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.*

Congregational Singing

3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.
Christ is alive, and goes before us...

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Reading Matthew 9:9-12

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Musical Meditation 1: 'Bless the Lord

Congregational Singing

1. This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made

Author Unknown

THE WORD

Bible reading: Acts 9:1-19 (video)

1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. 10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. 11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Meditation 2: What impacted you

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1. When I'm feeling down and sad,
nothing much to make me glad,
help me to remember,
you are there for me.
2. When things seem so different, and
very hard to understand,
help me to remember,
you are close to me.

3. When no one has time for me,
nothing's as it used to be,
help me to remember,
you are still with me.

Congregational Singing

4. When I'm crying, deep inside,
harder than I've ever cried,
help me to remember,
you are loving me.

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Prayer for Others - Youth Group

1. The splendour of the King
clothed in majesty,
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light
and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

*How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
all will see
How great, how great is our God!*

Congregational Singing
2. And age to age He stands
and time is in His hands
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one Father, Spirit, Son
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb
How great is our God!...

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God! (x2)
How great is our God!...

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<p>Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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THE THANKSGIVING

Mission Offering Spot for December's Mission Offering
6 Christian environmental organizations to support (stewardship.org.uk)

Offering for the church and for the Mission Offering 'Sint voor Kint'

Reading: Nehemiah 9:19-25

19 "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. 20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. 21 For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen. 22 "You gave them kingdoms and nations, allotting to them even the remotest frontiers. They took over the country of Sihon king of Heshbon and the country of Og king of Bashan. 23 You made their children as numerous as the stars in the sky, and you brought them into the land that you told their parents to enter and possess. 24 Their children went in and took possession of the land. You subdued before them the Canaanites, who lived in the land; you gave the Canaanites into their hands, along with their kings and the peoples of the land, to deal with them as they pleased. 25 They captured fortified cities and fertile land; they took possession of houses filled with all kinds of good things, wells already dug, vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees in abundance. They ate to the full and were well-nourished; they revelled in your great goodness.

Meditation 3: What will you take from this?

THE SENDING

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1. Lord, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word,
the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Congregational Singing

5. Lord for ourselves;
in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ
upon the throne,
past put behind us,
for the future take us:
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.

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Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Today's Worship Team
Service lead by the Youth Fellowship
Organist: Netty
Vocalist: Anneke
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Date	Sermon	Reading
28 November	Advent 1: Waiting	James 5:1-11