



# 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 2 January 2022**

### **Happy New Year**

We enter 2022 still under the cloud of Covid and its variants. However, as this year unfolds let us be ever faithful to our call as disciples of Jesus, to love God and to love one another. There are no restrictions, for us, against such a calling. So pray for your church, your community and the world as we continue to be lights for God: bringing faith, hope and love.

### **Online Services only**

For the next few weeks there will be no in-person services at the SICR. You will be able to join the weekly service through [www.kerkdienstgemist.nl/stations/1016](http://www.kerkdienstgemist.nl/stations/1016) The order of service can be downloaded from the church website: [www.scotsintchurch.com](http://www.scotsintchurch.com)

### **OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON Closed until end January 2022**

### **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 Herald Relaunch**



The quarterly magazine of the SICR is being revived under the new leadership of Dennis Acquaye. It is hoped that the first issue will be available in February. So be ready for requests for the **Herald** in the weeks to come. The Consistory is grateful for all those people who were involved with the magazine over the years and appreciate all the hard work that was done in the past. Pray for this venture.



Do you want a daily 'Thought for the Day' direct to your mobile? Then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641

### **Today's Worship Team**

Preacher Rev. Graham Austin  
Elder: Dennis  
Children's Message: Graham  
Organist: Jan-Hendrik  
Vocalists: Anneke  
Reader: Stefan  
Beamer & Live Streaming: Anthony & Daniël  
Flowers: arranged by Bridget

### **Daily Devotional Readings**

<b>Monday 3</b>	<b>Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21</b>
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	<b>Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53</b>
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	<b>Psalm 72; Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:10-18</b>
<b>Thursday 6</b>	<b>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12</b>
<b>Friday 7</b>	<b>Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1</b>
<b>Saturday 8</b>	<b>Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20</b>

### **Something to Celebrate**

This week we congratulate Stefan, Cindel and Peace on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

## Welcome

### Call to worship

*How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.*

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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and ever more,  
feed me now and ever more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be Thou still my strength and shield,  
be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside!  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side!  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.  
William Williams (1717-1791)

### Prayer of Approach

### Children's Talk: 'Chosen by God'

Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the Heaven above;  
deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love.  
I, though so unworthy, still am a child of His care;  
For His Word teaches me that His love reaches me everywhere.  
C. Austin Miles © 1917, 1945 The Rodeheaver Co., USA

### Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

### Sermon: 'Who are you?'

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1. Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,  
hidden now in mystery;  
nature bursts with joyful promise,  
ripe with what is yet to be.  
In a wealth of rich invention,  
still the work of art unfolds:  
barely have we seen, and faintly,  
what God's great salvation holds.

2. Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,  
making Jesus seen and heard.  
Every age of God's creation  
grasps new meanings from the Word.  
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us  
your new work begun today;  
eyes and ears and hearts are open,  
teach us what to do and say.

4. Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:  
nothing shall be left to chance;  
all that lives will be united  
in the everlasting dance;  
all fulfilled and all perfected,  
each uniquely loved and known;  
Christ in glory unimagined  
once for all receives his own.

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**Church Offering &  
The Mission Offering January for farming in Climate Change Uganda - Open Spot  
As we give to our Church and Mission we listen to a musical item by Jan-Hendrik**

## Dedication of Offerings

### Communion

1. We are a moment, You are forever,  
Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.  
*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honour and glory  
be unto Your name,  
be unto Your name.*

2. We are the broken, You are the healer,  
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
bowing before You, blessing Your name.  
*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
Highest praises, honour and glory  
be unto Your name,  
be unto Your name. (repeat chorus)*

*Lynn Deshazo & Gary Sadler © 1998 Integrity's Hosanna Music*

Leader - Unbold

**All: Bold**

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and  
seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbours,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, ....  
 ....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
 Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...  
 ...all honour and glory is yours, almighty God now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

<p><b>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</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
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**Sharing the Communion and Peace**

**Prayer for others**

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| <p>1. Through the love of God our Saviour<br/>         all will be well;<br/>         free and changeless<br/>         is His favour, all, all is well.<br/>         Precious is the blood that heals us,<br/>         perfect is the grace that seals us,<br/>         strong the hand stretched out to shield us;<br/>         all must be well.</p> | <p>2. Though we pass through tribulation,<br/>         all will be well;<br/>         ours is such a full salvation,<br/>         all, all is well.<br/>         Happy, still in God confiding;<br/>         fruitful, if in Christ abiding;<br/>         holy, through the Spirit's guiding;<br/>         all must be well.</p> |
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3. We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well;  
 faith can sing, through days of sorrow  
 'All, all is well.'  
 On our Father's love relying,  
 Jesus every need supplying,  
 or in living or in dying, all must be well.

Mary Peters (1813-1856)

**Benediction & Three-fold Amen**

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Date	Sermon	Reading
9 January	Who is he?	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22