Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
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Invocation for Lent

Into a dark world a snowdrop comes –
a blessing of hope and peace,
carrying within it a green heart,
symbol of God's renewing love,
come to inhabit our darkness,
Lord Christ, for dark and light are alike to you.

May nature's white candles of hope remind us of your birth and lighten our journey through Lent and beyond. Kate McIlhagga

Order of Service

for Sunday 5 March 2017 - The $1^{\rm st}$ Sunday in Lent Today is a Communion Sunday -

The table at which we gather is not the table of any one Church, but of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship (congregational lines in bold)

As we enter another season of Lent, God renews his gracious invitation to us:

in penitence and faith

we are asked once more to journey with Jesus,

from baptism in the Jordan

to trial in Jerusalem and beyond;

to live out the implications

of our commitment to follow;

to survive the wilderness without and face the wild beasts within us;

to trust in the guidance and power of the Spirit.

Come, then, in confidence to worship God.

Introit (Choir): Forty days and forty nights (CH4 337)

Welcome and Prayer of Approach

Praise: The Lord's my shepherd (MP 1008)

Prayer of Confession [Elder] – ending with The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Praise: My God is so big (JP 169)

Blessing on the Children

OT Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 (p. 5)

Reflection: "The Fall and our need for redemption"

Praise: Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently (CH4 243)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 1 – 11 (p. 967)

Reflection: "The battle against temptation"

Praise: God sent his Son (Because he lives) (MP 52)

Offering and Prayer of Dedication & Intercession

Church News

Anthem (Choir): Let us break bread together

(African-American Spiritual)

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Praise: We come as guests invited (MP 723 – Tune: Cruger)

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving - (responses **in bold**)
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then later in the prayer, after the words: "... Therefore we join together in saying:"

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.

Distribution of the Elements followed by Prayer

Praise: Through the love of God our Saviour, all will be well

(MP 704)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen followed by the Sung Benediction:

Go now in peace, never be afraid,

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Kwesi Akomeah, Meijing Li, Lilianna Wagenaar, Emma de Zanger, Dorothy Kingsale, Aletia Baiye and Annemarie Fleming on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

Today's Mission Offering:

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 12 March There will be no Prayer Meeting.

Worship at 10.30am will be conducted by The International Presbytery as the conclusion of

their weekend meeting.

Who's who Today - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Esther Abang

Children's message: Virginia Hendriks

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Welcome: Maureen Vollema & Ranee Damanik Crèche: Chante Fleming & Veronica Kind-Pachano Deacons-Counting: Frans v.d. Meer & Bridget Teisman

Door: Anthony Evovo

Beamer: Andre van der Velden Recording: Andre van der Velden

Hospitality: Maaike v.d. Eerden & Magdalena Osas

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For the Beamer

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 for ever. Amen.

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