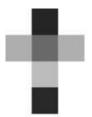
## Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

 a congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Bible Readings for the coming week

**Monday, April 2**: Psalm 118 : 1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1 : 1-19; 1

Corinthians15: 35-49

**Tuesday, April 3**: Psalm 118 : 1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1 : 20-2:4a; 1

Corinthians 15:50-58

**Wednesday, April 4**: Psalm 118 : 1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3 : 1-11;

Mark 16: 1-8

Thursday, April 5: Psalm 133; Daniel 1 : 1-21; Acts 2 : 42-47

Friday, April 6: Psalm 133; Daniel 2 : 1-23; Acts 4 : 23-31

Saturday, April 7: Psalm 133; Daniel 2 : 24-49; John 12 : 44-50

Order of Service for Easter Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> April 2018
including the Sacrament of Holy Communion



## Sunday 1st April 2018 - Easter Communion

Opening Responses:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Glory and honour, dominion and power be to God for ever and ever.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Introit: "Jubilate Coeli" (Taizé) (Choir)

Jubilate coeli, jubilate mundi, Jesus Christus surrexit vere Amen

#### Translation:

Heavens sing with gladness; earth sing out rejoicing Jesus Christ is risen from the dead Amen!

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Praise: Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!* (CH4 410)

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3 But the anguish he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia! now in heaven Christ is King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## Children's Message

## Praise: Apple of the Father's Eye

Son of God, Precious One
Apple of the Father's Eye
You came to earth to be a servant
You came to die
But You rose again
And today You reign
at the Father's side
O, Apple of the Father's Eye

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder -

## 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.

Praise: Alleluia! Jesus is risen! (CH4 429)

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendour, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

#### Refrain:

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death is defeated, and Easter is bright. Angels announce, 'Jesus is risen!' Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

refrain

3. Walking the way, Christ walking with us telling the story to open our eyes; breaking the bread, showing his glory; Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise

refrain

Reading: John 20: 1 – 18

## **The Empty Tomb**

- **1** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
- **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"
- **3** So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.
- **4**Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- **5**He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.
- **6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,

- **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.
- **8** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
- **9** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)
- 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

## Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

- **11** Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb
- **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.
- **13** They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."
- **14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.
- **15** He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."
- **16** Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").
- **17** Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "
- **18** Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Thoughts for Easter Day

Praise: The day of resurrection! (CH4 413)

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness,

the passover of God! From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful and earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

Reading: Acts 10: 34 - 43

**34** Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

**35** but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

**36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

**37** You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

- **39**"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross.
- **40** but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.
- **41** He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
- **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.
- **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## **Further Thoughts for Easter Day**

## Offering & Prayer of Dedication

## Church News followed by Prayer of Intercession

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Praise: And can it be, that I should gain (MP 33)

- And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
- 2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies: who can explore His strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
- 3 He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace – emptied Himself of all but love,

and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!

- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
- 5 No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### Communion

Praise: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son (MP 689)

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

  Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glory . . .
- No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love:

# bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. *Thine be the glory . . .*

## Closing responses:

Glory to God:
Glory to God:
What more can we say?
Glory to God:
Your life is our story.
Your love is our way.

#### Benediction & 3-fold Amen

#### Go now in peace ...

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.

Today's Mission Offering is for the Ma-Flo Foundation Education Support for AIDS Orphans in Bali, Cameroon.

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## Church News

Ladies' Bible Study - Tomorrow @ 8pm at Irene Bom's

Derek will be on holiday from 2-5 April - please contact Bob Hensen on 06 16 80 85 05 for any urgent pastoral matters.

Sunday 15 April at 7.30pm - our next Service for Wholeness & Healing. Come and be part of this important ministry.

Next Consistory Meeting - Tuesday 17 April at 7.45pm

## 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 <a href="mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com">pray.sicr@gmail.com</a> 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 Felix Dirk Knoester and Pelle Adrianus Brits on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned?

Inform the Office Team!

## What's on the agenda?

Sunday 8 April 10h30 Worship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Choir: Anneke Pot

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Welcome: James Essel & (replacement for) Carol de Groot

Crèche: Wenli & Frans van der Meer

Offering & Counting: Evelyn Koomson & Frieda Enow

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Menen Tessema & Evelyn Koomson

Flowers: Esther & Teun Karreman-Abang

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#### **Summary 18.03.18**

Open plate	497.89
Envelopes	544.25
Coffee money	11.90
Sunday school	3.27
Other donation	114.40
Bank (weekly avg.)	454.00
Fixed rental weekly avg	. 368.00
Additional rental avg	322.00
_	€ 2,315.71

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Average Weekly expenditure 2,038.00

Mission Offering Ma Flo Foundation € 50

Church News of 01.04.2018 announced by the Elder

Please check the agenda in this Order of Service and take it home for further reference.

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