Welcome to the



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Bible Readings for the coming week

Sunday, April 26, 2020: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 27, 2020: Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday, April 28, 2020: Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday, April 29, 2020: Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

Thursday, April 30, 2020: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Friday, May 1, 2020: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday, May 2, 2020: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7

Thought for the Week

Delayed gratification has always been difficult for the children of God. Peter and his friends are living in the *mean*time -- the time when we wait on God's next move. What do we do when we are waiting for God's next move? (Joy J. Moore)

Sunday 26th April 2020 Second Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship - (congregational responses in bold)

Praise God! For God is gathering His people together.

From near and far we come together — the wounded and the whole, the weak and the strong — seeking God's presence, God's forgiveness, and God's direction for our lives.

Welcome

CH4 154 O Lord my God

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, the power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Then sings my soul*

3. And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul . . .

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art

Then sings my soul

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Refrain)	So deep you can't go through it,
Jesus' love is very wonderful	So long you can't see the end of it,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,	So strong you can't resist it,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,	Oh, wonderful love! (Refrain)
Oh, wonderful love!	
It's so high you can't get over it,	
So low you can't get under it,	
So wide you can't get round it,	
Oh, wonderful love! (Refrain)	

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession & The Lord's Prayer (Elder)

Bible Reading: Psalm 30 (two voices)

- 1 I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
- 2 LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.
- 3 You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.
- 4 Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. 5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
- 6 When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
- 7 LORD, when you favoured me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
- 9 "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."

Song: You have turned my sorrow into joyful dancing

You have turned my sorrow	I will sing and dance,
into joyful dancing I'm no longer sad	sing and dance, sing and dance to the Lord.
and feeling upset.	I will sing and dance,
I thank you from my heart	sing and dance,
And I will never stop	sing and dance to the Lord.
singing your praises,	
My Lord and my God.	

Bible Reading: John 21: 1 – 19

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

- 1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.
- It happened this way:
- 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.
- 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.
- 5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.
- 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.
- 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.
- 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.
- 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."
- 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.
- 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me? "He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me? "Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Reflection

CH4 531 My Jesus, my Saviour

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My Jesus, my Saviour\	Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Lord there is none like You	Power and majesty, praise to the King
All of my days I want to praise	Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
The wonders of Your mighty love	At the sound of Your name
	I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
My comfort, my shelter	Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Tower of refuge and strength	Nothing compares to the promise I have
Let every breath, all that I am	In You
Never cease to worship You	

Offering & Dedication

Church News (read by Consistory Clerk)

Prayers for the People (Minister)

CH4 804 You shall go out with joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me / Christ before me
Christ behind me / Christ within me
Christ beneath me / Christ above me
Christ on my right side / Christ on my left side
Christ in quiet / Christ in danger
Christ in the mouth of a friend or a stranger

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

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

We congratulate Michellyne van der Hulst, Joke Cromwell & Klazina Rigters on their birthdays this week.

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

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 3rd May Online Communion & Worship Service

The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Irene Bom Elder: Molly Foster Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom Announcements: Bob Hensen Organist: Natavan Gulieva

Bible Reader: Molly Foster & Margriet van Overbeeke

Recording: Stanley Murithi

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Church Announcements of 26.04.2020

You all should have received the **Order of Service**, since it was attached to the SICR Bulletin. If you did not get the Bulletin, it means that we do not have your e-mail address. Please forward your email if you would like to receive it every Thursday in your mailbox.

For the complete Order of Service, including Bible readings and lyrics of hymns and songs, do go to the SICR Website and on the front page click on Service Sheet. You can then listen online through 'kerkdienstgemist' and sing along with us.

The Consistory met in an online WEBEX meeting, hosted by Elder Rizal Sebastian and moderated by Interim Moderator Rev. Jan Steyn.

Here are some important conclusions:

 Rev. Irene Bom has agreed to step in as Temporary Locum, on request of the Interim Moderator, given the apparent difficulty of the designated Locums to travel to Rotterdam. The Consistory commended Rev. Irene for her dedication and commitment.

The Consistory has agreed to upgrade the online Worship Services from audio to live online video, still through 'kerkdienstgemist', with whom the Consistory Clerk is to work out an arrangement for a trial period. Ideally this will be an online Service broadcast from various locations

- Our Treasurer Jim Taylor cautioned the Consistory on the negative effect of the current lack of Sunday collections and asked the Consistory to encourage members to contribute by Bank Transfer as much as possible.
- We hope that you understand that Jim's message is relevant for us as all, so
 please send your contribution through your banking app and mention your envelope
 number if that applies.

This was again an online Praise and Worship Service by the AdHoc Worship Team. If you like to join us to read the Bible or help with the singing, contact the Church Office by mail.