Welcome to the



a congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 42 of 2020

Monday, Oct.12, 2020: Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25 Tuesday, Oct.13, 2020: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philip 3:13-4:1 Wednesday, Oct.14 2020: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35 Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020: Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12 Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5 Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matt 14:1-12

Thought for the Week

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

(Proverbs 3: 5 – 6)

Order of Service for Sunday 11th October 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

led by Rev. Dr. Kleber Machado

The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Dr. Kleber Machado

Elder: Fred Booman

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Music in Worship: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Bible Reader: Bridget Teisman

Counting: Bridget Teisman & Fred Booman

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015)

Almighty God, breathe into us the wind of unity that recognizes our diversity. **Breathe into us tolerance that welcomes and makes us community.**

Breathe into us fire that unites what is torn apart and heals what is ill.

Breathe into us grace that overcomes hatred and frees us from violence.

Breathe into us life that faces down and defeats death.

Blessed be the God of Mercy who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and makes all things New.

Welcome

Praise CH4: 419: 1 & 3: Thine be the Glory

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.

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 . .*

Opening Prayer the Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Praise: MP 638: Thank you God, for sending Jesus

Thank You, God, for sending Jesus; thank You, Jesus, that You came; Holy Spirit, won't You teach us more about His wondrous name?

Blessing on the children

Prayer of Confession

Bible Reading: Acts 5: 27 - 32

- 27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.
- 28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
- 29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!
- 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.
- 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.
- 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Bible Reading: John 20: 19 - 31

- 19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
- 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

- 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.
- 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side. I will not believe."
- 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
- 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.
- 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Praise CH4 430: 1, 3 & 4: Christ has risen

- 1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumour. Christ is risen, God is here!
- 3. Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.
- Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night, sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright. They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.

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Announcements (see page 4 and 5)

Prayers of the People: (Elder)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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 & Three-fold Amen

Prayer Request & Pastoral Care

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care or do you know someone who is?

Please send prayer request to the Prayer Coordinator:

Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit from the Minister or an Elder, contact your Elder, the Church Office or Rev. Irene Bom

<u>irene.bom@xs4all.nl</u> - tel.:06 5257 6892 **E-mail SICR : info@scotsintchurch.com**

Birthdays

This week we congratulate on their birthdays
Ann Schuursma
Flora v.d. Zwaan
Mavis Fleming
Annemarie Smith
Patricia Ewing
Henny Vermeulen.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

What's On & Church News

Sunday 18th October Worship Service led by Rev. Irene Bom Sunday 25th October Worship Service led by Rev. Irene Bom

projects in Africa.

Rev. Dr. Kleber Machado (leading worship today the 11th October)

Originally from Brazil *Rev. Dr. Kleber Machado* was a minister of a church of Dutch migrants, who emigrated to Brazil in the 50's. He moved to the Netherlands to do his PhD at the VU Amsterdam and lived in Rotterdam during this period , not far from the SCIR, at Schepenstraat . He said he used to go to the SCIR once a month when Robert was minister . In 2011 he transferred to the Church of Scotland and moved to UK. After a familiarisation period in Glasgow he was for 7 years minister in Corby in the Presbytery of England and now again back to Presbytery of Glasgow since November last year. He was a member of World Mission Council and supervised the Church of Scotland

Rev. Graham Austin

The induction service of our new minister the Rev. Graham Austin will take place in our Sanctuary on Friday the 30th October at 19:30.

The International Presbytery will lead the service.

Of course Rev. Irene Bom and our Presbytery elder Ruud Witte are members of the Presbytery. Rev Austin will then preach his first Service as our minister on Sunday 1st November.



Future Services Under the Current Restrictions,

Although registration for services is not obligatory, it is however recommended for members, while visitors will be required to register on arrival, providing the necessary/essential particulars.

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL

Version 1.1 approved by Consistory 22 June 2020

INTRODUCTION

With the easing of restrictions services can be attended by up to 100, provided the premises can be configured to enforce social distancing. All other guidance from the government remains in place and should be adhered to. The rules are designed to protect each other from a virus that can reproduce in others, while the victim has no symptoms and shows no outward signs.

The strategy of this protocol is to prepare the environment, cleanse hands on entry, enforce social distancing and clean after departure. If everyone strictly obeys the distancing rules there should be no need to make masks compulsory.

The width of passageways, stairs and aisles do not allow free movement in the church. To maximize our capacity safely, and get near the limit allowed by government regulation, alternate pews have been blocked off and a one way system introduced. Guests will be directed to the side aisles and pews will be occupied in sequence from the front to rear, with a maximum of 5 persons per pew depending on the size of the household groups.

After a pew is occupied people will normally be seated next to the aisles which means that no one can walk in the aisles without violating the 1.5 distance.

A few designated mobility/medical positions have therefore been created at the back to allow limited entry and departure during the service. Departure will be in sequence starting from the rear pews and leaving by the side aisles and directed to different exit doors.

Registration

It is advised that churches record all attendees to ensure compliance with capacity and to give immediate information to GGD in the event of someone testing positive with the virus. Registration will be through a web application from which it is hoped to print a standardised presentation list to be checked on entry. Online registration will be encouraged as it will save time when people arrive, and give an accurate indication of attendance. If there is spare capacity available for unexpected non registered guests they must be added to the list with the same information.

For tracking and tracing purposes the final presentation list has to be kept securely for 2 months, after which it will be destroyed to comply with data protection rules.

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