

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

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### Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 47 of 2020

Monday	16.11: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judg. 4:8-24; Rom 2:1-11
Tuesday	17.11: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Esther 7:1-10; Matt 24:45-51
Wednesday	18.11: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Est. 7:1-10; Matt. 24:45-51
Thursday	19.08: Psalm 100; Gen 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11
Friday	20.11: Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9
Saturday	21.11: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50

### Thought for the Week

*"Hide not your talents, they for use were made,  
What's a sundial in the shade?"*

*Benjamin Franklin*

## Order of Service for Sunday 15th November 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin

### The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Graham Austin

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Counting: Mavis Fleming & Frieda Enow

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

Live Streaming: Rizal Sebastian

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

video streaming

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*Welcome*  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.  
**We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:  
**love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

We come with grateful hearts, not for things,  
but for who God is.  
**We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

**CH4 111: Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty (vs 1, 3, 4)**

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
early in the morning our song shall  
rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed  
Trinity!

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the  
darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy  
glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none  
beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and  
purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

*Opening Prayer,  
Prayer of Confession  
the Lord's Prayer*

**Children's Message: It's just a piece of plastic!**

**Song: May God's blessing**

**May God's blessing be upon you now  
May you know of his great love for you  
May God's blessing be upon you now  
Right where you are.**

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*(Blessing on the children)*

**Bible Reading: Matthew 25:14-30**

**The Parable of the Talents**

- 14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.  
15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.  
16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.  
17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.  
18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.  
19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.  
20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'  
21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

- 22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'
- 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
- 24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.
- 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'
- 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?
- 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
- 28 " 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.
- 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.
- 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

#### CH4 643: For me to live is Christ

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| <p>1 For me to live is Christ:<br/>with him new life begins;<br/>his loving touch renews my mind<br/>and takes away my sins.</p>               | <p>3 For me to live is Christ:<br/>to serve is now my aim;<br/>to help wherever there is need,<br/>and care in Jesus' name.</p>                |
| <p>2 For me to live is Christ:<br/>from him true living springs;<br/>he comes, and with his radiant love<br/>transforms all common things.</p> | <p>4 For me to live is Christ:<br/>for him my life I'll spend;<br/>my strength, my aim, my hope, my Lord,<br/>from now till my life's end.</p> |

#### Sermon: Christian's Got Talent

##### CH4 723: How can we know how long you wait

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| <p>1 How can we know how long you wait<br/>to see the setting sun,<br/>or how you yearn to hear God speak<br/>the loving words, 'Well done'?</p> | <p>3 Can we who walk with steady feet<br/>embrace you and extend<br/>the grace you need until you hear,<br/>'Come home now, faithful friend'?</p> |
| <p>2 Your body cannot win the race<br/>your eager mind would run;<br/>yet God has seen your faithful course<br/>and counts the victory won.</p>  | <p>4 All praise to God whose love abides<br/>in bodies weak or strong,<br/>and gives to us the strength to sing<br/>our own triumphant song!</p>  |

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Church News

Prayers of the People: (Elder)

**CH4 502: Take my life Lord and let it be (vs 1, 3, 4, 5)**

1 Take my life, Lord, let it be  
consecrated, glad, and free;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as you shall choose.

5 Take my love -- my Lord, I pour  
at your feet its treasure-store;  
take myself, and I will be  
all for you, eternally

4 Take my will -- your will be done,  
may my will and yours be one;  
take my heart -- it is your own,  
it shall be your royal throne.

## **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](mailto: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

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### **Birthdays**

This week we congratulate on her birthday this week

Elizabeth Adzra,

Dennis Acquaye

Denis Galloway

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

## **What's On & Church News**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November Consistory meeting

### **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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