

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

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### **Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 50 of 2020**

Monday 7.12: Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42  
Tuesday 8.12: Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18  
Wednesday 9.12: Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17 Thurs. 10.12:  
Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11  
Friday 11.12: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philipp. 3:12-16  
Sat. 12.12: Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matt. 21:28-32

### **Thought for the Week**

I rest beneath the Almighty's shade,  
My griefs expire, my troubles cease;  
Thou, Lord, on whom my soul is stayed,  
Wilt keep me still in perfect peace.

Charles Wesley.

## **Order of Service for Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> December 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin**

### **The Service Today**

Minister: Rev. Graham Austin

Elder: Ruud Witte

Organist: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Music in Worship: Irene Bom & Margriet van Overbeeke

Vocalist: Raneé Damanik

Bible Reader: Bob Hensen

Counting: Ruud Witte & Fred Booman

Beamer slides: Beamer Team

Live Streaming: Rizal Sebastian

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent

Mary: 'A Song of Trust'



Welcome

Advent candle: PEACE

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.'**

John 14:27

Advent candle: Peace

After the candles are lit, we say together

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**CH4 192 All my hope on God (vs 1, 2, 5)**

1 All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he will renew; safe through change and chance he guides me, only good and only true. God unknown he alone calls my heart to be his own.	2 Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.	5 Still from earth to God in heaven sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall
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Opening Prayer,  
Prayer of Confession  
The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message: **'Talking hands'** by Graham



**CH4 284: Peace is a candle (vs 2 and 5)**

2. Peace is a candle to show us a pathway Threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed Friend feel no envy for those in the shadows Violence and force their dead end course	5. Christ is the light that the prophets awaited Christ is the lion the lamb and the child Christ is the love and the mystery and laughter Candles make way Christ is the day
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## Bible Reading: Luke 1:46–55

### Mary's Song

**46** And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord

**47** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**48** for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

**49** for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

**50** His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

**51** He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

**52** He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

**53** He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

**54** He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

**55** to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

### Sermon: Mary: 'A Song of Trust'

### CH4 519 Love divine all love excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.	2 Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.	3 Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
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#### Offering

#### Mission Offering

As we prepare to give, we listen to: '**Jesus, Saviour of the world**' (Irene and Margriet)

#### Dedication of Offerings (Elder)

#### Church News

#### Prayers for Others: (Elder)

### CH4 286 Tell out my soul (we will say the third verse together)

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.	3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.	4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

### Benediction & Three-fold Amen

#### Prayer Request

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)

#### Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or a visit from the Minister or an Elder,  
contact Rev. Graham Austin (see first page) your Elder,  
or the Church Office **E-mail SICR :**  
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### **Birthdays**

We congratulate on her birthday this week

Patience Asabea

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

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



*series called The Songs of Christmas'*

*Next Sunday the third Sunday in Advent '*

December 13 The Angels: 'A Song of Peace' *Luke 2:8-18*

December 20 Psalm 98: 'A Song of Joy' *Psalm 98*

December 25 Elizabeth: 'A song of blessing' *Luke 1:39-45*

December 27 Simeon: 'Song of fulfilment' *Luke 2:25-32*

**'Bright Hope for tomorrow' is the theme of this year's Advent calendar, which covers the four-week period running from the first Sunday of Advent (Sunday 29 November) until Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December).**

This year's theme is based on the lines 'Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow' from the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

This year will feel very different to previous years, as COVID-19 restrictions continues, limiting our opportunities to meet and worship in person. However, we hope that our Advent calendar will help spread a little hope and joy during these dark days.

Each day during Advent, a new window will be available to open with a themed prayer, video, or story.

Sign up for your daily reminder [https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/home#new\\_tab](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/home#new_tab)

### **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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