

# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam A congregation of the

Church of Scotland International Presbytery

May the Lord bless you as we worship together.

**Sunday 30 May 2021** 

# **Online Services only**

For the time being the SICR services will be available online. Go to the church website at www.scotsintchurch.com and click on KERKDIENST GEMIST

# Returning to in-person services

Sunday 6 June will see a welcomed return to in-person services. At the moment the numbers are still restricted to 30 plus helpers. We would asked that you **register** through the church website to ensure a place on Sundays. Please follow the various instructions in place. Thank you.

#### Something to Pray

Almighty God, you have given us such wonderful gifts; you have inspired us and moved us, challenged and changed us; you have loved and supported and cared and upheld us.

Send us out like living flames and comforting winds to move among our family, friends and neighbours.

Send us out with the gift of your Holy Spirit and the truth of the risen and ascended Jesus.

Amen.

#### Sing and Study Bible Study

6 Zoom studies on Romans 8 continues on Wednesday 2 June at 7.30pm.

To participate and receive a Zoom link please contact the church either through Facebook, Whatsapp or email—contact details on the back page.

#### Thought for the Day by Facebook and WhatsApp If you would like a Daily Devotion by

mobile phone, then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641

#### **Something to Celebrate**

This week we congratulate Ato Cromwell, Hunter Smith, Lina Sebastian on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

#### Thank you for your giving

These are difficult times for many, so please don't feel obliged to contribute if you are not able. For those who are able to contribute, thank you for your offering. The church bank details are:

NL62 RABO 0373741006

or NI 17 INGB 0000 175187

#### **Daily Devotional Readings**

Monday 31	Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8	
Tuesday 1	uesday 1 Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10	
Wednesday 2	Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25	
Thursday 3		
		Saturday 5

#### Welcome

#### Call to worship

Leader: The triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, People: blows among us, burns among us, flows among us. Leader: Come, ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name.

#### Introit MP 727 We are gathering together

#### CH4 110

- 1. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, glory, glory while eternal ages run!
- 2. Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain! Glory be to him who bought us. made us kings with him to reign! Glory, glory, glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3. Glory to the King of angels, glory to the Church's King, glory to the King of nations! Heaven and earth, your praises bring; glory, glory, glory, glory to the King of Glory bring!
  - 4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!' Thus the choir of angels sings; 'Honour, riches, power, dominion!' Thus its praise creation brings: glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the King of kings! Horatius N Bonar (1808-1889)

#### Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession & 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,

Children's Talk: Graham Austin

Jesus love is very wonderful (x3) O wonderful love. Its so high you can't get over it. So low you can't get under it. So wide you can't get round it. O wonderful love.

H. W. Rattle © Scripture Union

#### Bible Reading: John 3:1-17

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." 9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. 10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?

11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

#### Musical item MP 4 'Abide with me'

CH4 354 (vs 1, 2, 5, 6)

- 1. O Love, how deep, how broad, how high! Surpassing thought and fantasy that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
  - 2. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
- 5. For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign, for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 6. To him whose boundless love has won salvation for us through his Son, to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

  Latin, 15th Century translated Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)

## Sermon: 'Evening conversation'

#### CH4 316

- 1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.
- 2. Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?
- 3. Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign. Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

We give our offerings to God for the Church and the Mission Offering 'The 'EMMS - The Nazareth Trust' as we listen to 'Forlana from the Five Bagatelles, Gerald Finzi'

#### CH4 603 (1, 2, 4, 5)

- 1. For your gift of God the Spirit, with us, in us, always true, pledge of life and hope of glory, Saviour, we would worship you.
- 2. He, who in creation's dawning brooded o'er the pathless deep, still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep.
- 4. He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray; he whose fervent intercessions rise for us both night and day.
- 5. Fill us with your grace and goodness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; in us, through us, now and always, may your perfect will be done. Edith Margaret Clarkson® 1960 Hope Publishing Company

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, blessèd Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
God ever living through eternity.

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, blessèd Trinity! Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

#### **Benediction & Three-fold Amen**

Musical item: MP 111 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'

# Keep in touch by phone email text letter

#### Someone to call

Even though we cannot have our usual chat after the Sunday services we can still contact our church family by phone, and remember, calling via internet can be free of charge. If you don't have someone's phone number, then email the church office on:
info@scotsintchurch.com or call Bob/Molly (0625 538 320) our church office volunteers and they

will figure out for you how you can acquire the required number.

The **SICR AGM** is postponed until further notice.

## Up coming Services

	Date	Sermon	Reading	
	June 6	ʻa building from God'	2 Cor. 4:13-5:1	
	June 13	TBA	2 Cor. 5:6-17	
	June 20	ТВА	2 Cor. 6:1-13	

# Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Would you like the minister to phone you? Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM though the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

#### The Service Today

Minister: Rev Graham Austin
Elder: Molly Foster
Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Musician: Jaco Jacobs
Children's message: Graham Austin
Vocalist: Ranee Damanik
Bible Reader: Bob Hensen
Beamer & Live Streaming: Ricky Lim
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