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# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland International Presbytery** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

## May we know the blessing of God as we worship together

#### In-Person and Online Services

Due to the recent Government announcement and advice from the PKN the SICR are once again holding in-person services. There will be a maximum of 50 people, facemasks when moving about the building, and modest singing. Booking will be required through the Church website. If you have problems registering then get in touch with the Minister or church office for help. You will, as usual, be able to join the weekly service through going to

www.kerkdienstgemist.nl/stations/1016 The order of service can be downloaded from the church website: www.scotsintchurch.com

#### A sending out prayer

God, you call us to be the body of Christ in this place. Side by side, hand in hand, help us to stand together, to stand with our neighbours, to break free from all that holds us back from making the world as you want it to be. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON** Closed until February 2022

#### 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. Pravers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at

**Daily Devotional Readings** 



#### The Herald Relaunched

The quarterly magazine of the SICR is being revived under the new leadership of Dennis Acquaye. It is hoped that the first issue will be available in February. So be ready for requests for the **Herald** in the weeks to come. The Consistory are grateful for all those

people who were involved with the magazine over the years and appreciate all the hard work that was done in the past. Pray for this venture.



Do you want a daily 'Thought for the Day' direct to your mobile? Then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641

#### **Today's Worship Team**

Preacher Rev. Graham Austin Elder& Counting: Emmanuel & Ruud Children's Message: Graham Organist: Gertine Vocalist: Ranee

Registration, Welcome & Reader Bob & Lianne Beamer & Live Streaming: Edwin and Ricky Flower & Hospitality: Azmi and Rinus

Date	Sermon	Reading		
30 January	'Love, love, love'	1 Cor.13:1-13		

Monday 24	Psalm 119:89-96; Jer. 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Tuesday 25	Psalm 119:89-96; Jer. 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12
Wednesday 26	Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 27	Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48
Friday 28	Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10
Saturday 29	Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51

#### Something to Celebrate This week we congratulate Cor

and Maaike on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

#### Welcome

Call to worship
Come and join the body of Christ.
Come whether you feel weak or strong.
Come whether you are suffering or rejoicing.
Come whether you feel oppressed or free.
All are welcome here.

Side by side, hand in hand, we all stand together in the body of Christ.

CH4 112

- God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight: hear us, we humble pray, and where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
- 2. Saviour, who came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind: now to all humankind let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love, life giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move o'er the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light!

Congregational Singing
4. Blessed and holy three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might!
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light!
John Marriott (1780-1825)

#### Prayer of Approach

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, and the
glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### Children's Talk: 'Making an announcement'

MP 179 (vs 1, 2)

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus is His name

1. He possessed no riches, no home to lay His head; He saw the needs of others and cared for them instead Go, tell it on the mountains....

#### Congregational Singing

 He reached out and touched them, the blind the deaf the lame; He spoke and listened gladly to anyone who came.

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus is His name © Geoffrey Marshall-Taylor/Jubilate Hymns

#### Reading: Luke 4:14-21

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

#### CH4 348

- Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

  Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.

  Praise the One who preached the Gospel, curing every dread disease, calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

  Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.

  Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

#### Congregational Singing

3. Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.

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#### Sermon: 'Good News'

As we reflect and give to Church and Mission offering for Ugandan Farm Climate Change we listen to a musical item by Gertine

#### **Dedication of the Offering**

CH4 259 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

- Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer.
   Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.
- Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsman, trade for their skills.
   Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, Friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray, melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

### Congregational Singing

 Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise. God of the poor,....

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### Prayer for others

CH4 605 (vs 1-3, 5)

- Thanks to God whose Word was spoken in the making of the earth.
   His the voice that called a nation; fired her vision, tried her worth.
   God has spoken; God has spoken: praise Him for his open word.
- Thanks to God whose Word incarnate came to save our human race.

  Deeds and words and death and rising, testify to heaven's grace.

  God has spoken, God has spoken: praise God for his open word.
- 3. Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page, record of the revelation showing God to every age.
  God has spoken, God has spoken: praise God for his open word.

#### Congregational Singing

5. Thanks to God whose Word is answered by the Spirit's voice within.

Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin.

God is speaking, God is speaking: praise God for his open word.

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**Benediction & Three-fold Amen**