

# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland International Presbytery** Sunday 27th February 2022

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

#### In-Person and Online Services

Welcome back to our, almost, normal services. If you would prefer to maintain physical distancing the rear 4 pews on either side of the church are available for this purpose. Please feel comfortable if you want to continue to wear a facemask during the service. If you are not ready to return to in-person services you will still be able to join the weekly service through: www.kerkdienstgemist.nl/stations/1016 The order of service can be downloaded from the church website: www.scotsintchurch.com

#### FRIDAY'S OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON

Tour our building, take a moment to pray, meet up with friends, enjoy a chat with others. You will be welcomed from 12:00 -15:00 with tea/coffee. Soup available for €2



#### Something to ponder

- How do you capture/mark moments of change?
- What things can distract you and
- How can you 'stay in the moment' to enjoy the full experience in life's important moments?

#### 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 prav.sicr@gmail.com

**Daily Devotional Readings** 

#### Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Lianne Buitendiik and Maxine Fleming on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

#### Consistory meeting

Friday 4 March Beginning at 6pm for a fellowship meal followed by the meeting at 19:00

#### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin Elder: Bridget Teisman Counting: Ruud Witte and Molly Foster Children's Message: Rev. Graham Austin Organist: Gertine Hoefnagel Bible Reader: Lianne Buitendijk Beamer & Live Streaming: Dee Austin & Ricky Lim Hospitality: Azmi Wahab & Rinus Dekker Flowers: Beverly Bouwman

#### A sending out prayer

Welcome:: Margriet v. Overbeek, & Pam Russell

Father, thank you that you are transforming us every day. We pray that, not only will we have mountaintop experiences, but also that we will know your presence with us in our everyday and ordinary moments. May we be continually astounded at your greatness, and may it show in our lives. Amen.

Date	Sermon	Reading
13 March	The temptations of Jesus	Luke 4:1-13

Monday 28	Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a	
Tuesday 1	Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33	
Wednesday 2	Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21	
Thursday 3	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34	
Friday 4	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42	
Saturday 5	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36	

#### Do you want a daily Thought for the Day





#### Welcome

#### Call to worship

Leader: God, thank you that, as we journey with you,...

Response: ...you are transforming us.

Thank you for the mountaintop experiences...

Response: ...as well as the everyday journeys.

Leader: We ask to know your presence and your power...

Response: ...as we live each day for you. Amen.

#### CH4 189

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
 In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Leader:

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
 He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
 How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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#### **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 'Being Changed'

Change my heart, O God make it ever true; change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay; mould me and make me, this is what I pray. Eddie Espinosa © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

#### Reading: Luke 9:28-43a

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. 37 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. 38 A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. 39 A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. 40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." 41 "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

42 Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

#### CH4 519

- 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.

  Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

#### Sermon 'Mountain high, valley low'

As we reflect and give to Church and Mission offering for 'Training Pastors in Zambia' as we listen to a musical item by Gertine Hoefnagel

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

#### CH4 465 (vs 1, 2, 5)

- 1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, thine own I would be; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

5. High King of Heaven, after victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

#### Prayer for others

#### CH4 449 (vs 1, 3, 5)

Rejoice! the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore.
 Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the Judge, shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! Charles Wesley (1707-88)

# SICR JOURNEY THROUGH 2022

#### The International Presbytery

Lenten Climate Conversations & Celebrations
Zoom Bible Studies in English on Thursdays during Lent
Starting March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:45 pm CET, 1 hour
Contact the minister for the Zoom Link

#### Friday's Open Afternoon Lenten Devotions at the SICR

A 20 minute devotional service from 1.45pm starting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March until April 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and have some fellowship over tea/coffee and soup from 12 noon then stay for a time of worship and reflection as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

#### Luke 9.28-43

Jesus has recently told his disciples that he is going to die, which has left them feeling upset and confused. He then takes some of his closest disciples away to pray with him, where they share a 'mountaintop' experience as Jesus' face and clothes change to become a dazzling white!

The disciples are frightened but hear a heavenly voice telling them to listen to Jesus.

They go back down the mountain, not telling others what they have seen, but straight away Jesus continues to heal and people are amazed by him.

We all have mountaintop experiences. Peter, James and John certainly did, and they were changed by their experience. But they could not remain there; the journey down below had to continue.

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## ROOTS Activity sheet

27 February – 6 March 2022 Transfiguration



Jesus takes his disciples for a mountaintop experience they will not forget, and one that shows them that he is the Son of God.



The disciples are still amazed by what they saw at the top of the mountain, as they return to normal life.



Create a calligram poem: make a mountain shape just using some of the main words which have inspired you from this week's passage.



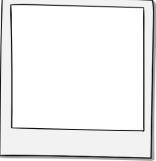
Circle the seven differences between these two pictures.







Draw a picture of the most amazing thing which has ever happened to you!



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