




# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the  
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

<p><b>SICR</b> <b>JOURNEY</b> <b>THROUGH</b> <b>LENT</b> <b>2022</b></p>	<p><u><b>The International Presbytery</b></u> <b>Lenten Climate Conversations &amp; Celebrations</b> Zoom Bible Studies in English on Thursdays during Lent at 7:45 pm CET, 1 hour Contact the minister for the Zoom Link</p>
	<p><u><b>Friday's Open Afternoon</b></u> <b>Lenten Devotions at the SICR</b> A 20 minute devotional service from 1.45pm 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.</p>
<p><u><b>FRIDAY'S OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON</b></u> Tour the building, take a moment to pray, meet up with friends, enjoy a chat with others, you will be welcomed from 12:00 to 15:00 with tea/coffee. Soup available €2</p> 	<p><u><b>Something to Celebrate</b></u> This week we congratulate Daniel de Jong and Kwena Koka on their birthdays.</p>
<p> <u><b>SICR AGM</b></u> Will be held on <b>Sunday 27 March</b> after the morning service in the Lower Hall the AGM. It will be encouraging to have as many people as able in attendance. This will be the day we also launch the Stewardship Campaign for 2022 entitled '<b>The 3 Campaign</b>'. More information at the AGM. Various reports and the annual accounts are available from the office and attached to the weekly Bulletin.</p>	<p><u><b>Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?</b></u> 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 <a href="mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com">pray.sicr@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><u><b>A sending out prayer</b></u> Lord God, you look for growth and fruit; help us this week to grow closer to you, and to be patient when we have to wait, as you are patient with us. Amen.</p>	<p><u><b>Pray for today's Worship Team</b></u> Preacher: Rev Graham Austin Elder: Molly Foster Counting: Molly Foster and Olaf de Zanger Children's Message: Graham Austin Organist: Netty Dijkstra Choir: Anneke Pot Reader: Azmi Wahab Beamer &amp; Live Streaming: Edwin Teisman Sound: Stanley Murithi Hospitality: TBA Flowers: Pam Russell Welcoming team: Pam &amp; Steve Russell Door: Peace Acquah</p>
<p><b>Daily Devotional Readings</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday 21</b> Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11</p>	<p>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 </p>
<p><b>Tuesday 22</b> Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 23</b> Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 24</b> Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5</p>	
<p><b>Friday 25</b> Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15</p>	
<p><b>Saturday 26</b> Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10</p>	

## Welcome

### Call to worship

Come, you who are weary with waiting.  
Come, you who are hungry for change and fulfilment.  
Come, you who are lost and seeking direction.  
Come, to the one who will refresh, revive and redeem you.

CH4 124 (vs 1, 2, 4)

1. Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation;  
praise God, my soul, for in him  
are your health and salvation;  
come all who hear,  
into his presence draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who in  
all things is wondrously reigning,  
shields you from harm  
and is gently yet firmly sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
how your heart's wishes have been  
granted by God's wise ordaining?

4. Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from God's people again:  
gladly for ever adore him  
Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

### **Opening prayer, Prayer of Confession and 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, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.
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### **Children's Talk: 'One more chance'**

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

### **Reading: Luke 13:1-9**

1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 8 " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by His power each tree and flower  
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,  
sun, moon and stars in heaven  
Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*  
*Praise Him with hallelujahs,*  
*for Jesus is Lord!*

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal  
in flesh He came to die in pain  
on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,  
yet gave His life a ransom  
thus setting us free.

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*  
*Praise Him with hallelujahs,*  
*for Jesus is Lord!*

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
from death He rose, and all His foes  
shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!...*

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### Sermon

As we reflect and give to Church and Mission offering for Ukraine  
as we listen to a musical item by the Choir  
'Empty, broken, here I stand '

### Dedication of Offering and Prayer for others

1. I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
how He left His home in glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
sing it with the saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost: but Jesus found me  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still come o'er me;  
sorrow's paths I often tread,  
but His presence still is with me,  
by His guiding hand I'm led.

3. He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet,  
then He'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
sing it with the saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley (1854-1952)

### Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# ROOTS Activity sheet

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## Luke 13.1-9

Jesus tells a story about a man who is disappointed in his fig tree which hasn't given any fruit yet, but a gardener encourages him to give it one more year.

## Puzzle

Can you fill in the gaps in the story?

A man planted a fig tree in his \_\_\_\_\_. Each year there was no \_\_\_\_\_. The man said, 'I am not \_\_\_\_\_ the soil any more. Cut it down!' But the gardener said, 'Leave it for one more \_\_\_\_\_.'

year fruit  
vineyard wasting

## Write

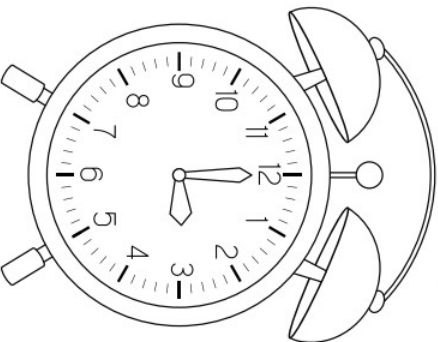
Use the clues below to help you fill in the words in the crossword puzzle.

### Across

1. The fruit which should have grown from the tree.
3. The person who persuaded the man to leave the tree for one more year.
5. The book of the Bible this story is from.
7. How many years had the man been waiting for fruit to grow?

### Down

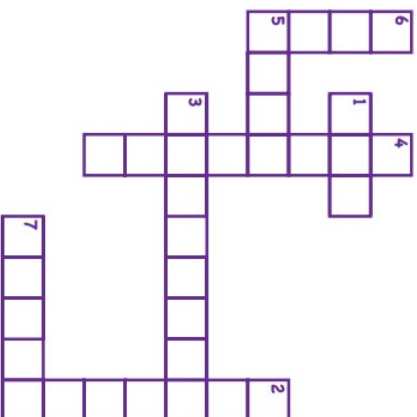
2. A story Jesus tells to teach people about God.
4. The place where the tree was planted.
6. What did the gardener say he would add fertiliser to?



The fig tree in today's story needs to be given more time to grow.



Draw a tree covered in fruit.



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