



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 27th March 2022

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

SICR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 2022

The International Presbytery

Lenten Climate Conversations & Celebrations

Zoom Bible Studies in English on Thursdays during Lent
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 until April 8th.
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.

FRIDAY'S OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON

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



Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Shanny Sprangers-
Butarbutar and Molly on their birthdays.

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



SICR AGM

after this morning's service in
the Lower Hall where
tea/coffee and soup will be
served. It will be encouraging
to have as many people as
able in attendance. Today we

launch the Stewardship Campaign for 2022
entitled 'The 3 Campaign'.

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev Graham Austin
Prayer: Ruud Witte
Counting: Ruud Witte & Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Children's Message: Graham Austin
Organist: Gertine Hoefnagel
Reader: Lianne Buitendijk
Beamer & Live Streaming: Ricky Lim
Sound: Stanley Murithi
Hospitality: Azmi Wahab & Rinus Dekker
Flowers: Azmi Wahab & Rinus Dekker
Welcoming Team: Silvia Scott & John Essel
Door: Anthony Evovo

A sending out prayer

God of outrageous love!

Thank you that we cannot fall out of your love,
no matter what our mistakes,
no matter how mean and grudging our love is.

As you welcome us with ever open arms,
enlarge our hearts and minds,
to serve faithfully
and to love outrageously!
Amen.

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 28	Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8	 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 
Tuesday 29	Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10	
Wednesday 30	Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17	
Thursday 31	Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24	
Friday 1	Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1	
Saturday 2	Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57	

Welcome

Call to worship

Let us thank God for the love that holds us,
moment by moment,
the love that forever welcomes us home.

CH4 461 (vs 1-3)

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds,
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place;
my never failing treasure, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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.

Children's Talk: 'Two sons'

God is good, we sing and shout it,
God is good, we celebrate.
God is good, no more we doubt it,
God is good, we know it's true.

*And when I think of His love for me
my heart fills with praise and I feel like dancing.
For in His heart there is room for me
and I run with arms opened wide.*

Graham Kendrick © 1985 Thankyou Music

Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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1 Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

11 "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ 28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ 31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

CH4 166 (vs 1, 3, 4)

1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

3. Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord
at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord
at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901- 953)

Sermon

As we reflect and give to Church and Mission offering for Ukraine
as we listen to a musical item by Gertine

Dedication of Offering and Prayer for others

CH4 396 (1, 4, 5)

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Name _____

ROOTS Activity sheet

27 March – 2 April 2022 • Lent 4



Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a story of a loving father, forgiving and welcoming his son home, to show us how God wants to forgive and welcome us back in his family.



The son was lost, and then he was found.



Choose to be either the younger or older brother and fill in a diary entry about the day the younger brother came home.

Dear Diary...



Fill in the rest of the scene to show what the dad did to welcome his son home.



Help the son find his way through the maze and back to his father.



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